

SOAR meeting
March 12, 2019
1:30 p.m.

President Jerry Redington called the meeting to order and the pledge of allegiance was recited. The roll call of officers was taken. All present except Leo Patterson.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as read. There were no minutes from February because the meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Treasurer Geri Hendren gave her report. She sent in the previously collected membership dues. Anyone still not paid can do so today.

Wayne Komprood gave us an update on his solar panels and the costs.

Jerry was in Texas this winter and again took advantage of the cheaper prices for drugs across the border in Mexico. You don't need a prescription for many of the drugs.

Jerry will try to have a speaker come from the Senior Center to talk about the Property Tax freeze for Seniors. The Senior Center has a free tax preparation program but for this year all the appointment times are taken. You need to call late January or very early February to get on the list. They do simple, basic taxes not the more complicated forms.

Todd Hastings, Local 745 President, announced the school district employees will be celebrating their 20th anniversary. Valspar has a new contract. There are now 280 Titan employees and several more will be added soon. Steelworkers are looking for new groups to organize. If you know of any group let Todd know.

Asbestos testing update: Wayne has contacted the attorneys. Some of those who are being considered need to go to a final doctor's appointment in April, possibly April 4 at the Farm Bureau. Some who had very high numbers will automatically go forward.

Wayne gave a report on the history of asbestos in Wittenoon, Australia. Asbestos mining devastated this town until the government closed the whole town. It is a ghost town now and you can still see the asbestos which is a blue color there.

Several members and several spouses have passed away since January.

The VEBA trust is still going strong.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walt
Secretary