

SOAR minutes
April 12, 2022
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 were present except for Leo Patterson.

The minutes from the February meeting were approved as read. March minutes were not available.

At the March meeting it was decided to continue to wear masks but since then the mask mandate from the state has been lifted. A motion was made to follow the state mandate in regards to wearing masks. If the state mandates mask we will require them if no mandate then members can wear them if they wish. The motion was seconded and passed. Jerry commented that in his travels to Texas he found some areas no one wore masks, some areas 50/50 and some everyone wore masks.

Rich Hofmaster swore Richard Gross in as a new trustee.

The subjects of providing refreshments after the meeting and having our traditional picnic were discussed. Delores and Tina have not attended meetings for some time because of Covid. They took on the job of refreshments previously. As to the picnic, it was decided to look into possible venues including Krape Park shelter house, Jane Addams Center, Union Hall, Oakdale and Read Park. Rich and Diane will contact the venues as to costs. At one time the asbestos attorneys mentioned sponsoring a get together so Wayne will contact the asbestos attorneys about sponsoring the event. We will make a decision after these reports at the May meeting.

Jerry announced that some of the insurance network areas have changed. If you go to a doctor outside Stephenson County you may need to check with them as to whether they are in network or not. If you use any out of network doctors or hospitals you will be charged more of out of pocket costs. A discussion was held about signing up for Medicare when you turn 65. Once you are on Medicare you will be placed on Freedom Blue for your insurance from Goodyear. Others on the Titan VEBA and Medicare eligible will only have a reimbursement through Titan VEBA.

A discussion was held about robocalls. We all agreed that they are a pain and best not to answer them.

Adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Walt