

SOAR Minutes
October 9 2018
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 and all were present. The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer gave her report. Anyone wishing to donate to the Salvation Army toy drive can do so today and at the November meeting.

There is a big push for all to get their flu shot this year. Those with Freedom Blue need to do this at the doctor's office and not at a drug store or other site if you want the price to be covered by insurance.

Wayne announced that the gate drop at the Titan plant will be on November 14. Volunteers were assigned to the early shift from 6-8 a.m. and to the afternoon shift from 2-4 p.m. Seven members volunteered for each shift. Geri will provide buckets for collection. Wayne will see about notification through the plant November newsletter and a marquee about the collection. Toys and cash will be collected at the Nov. 13 regular meeting.

December 11 will be a short meeting at the regular time and then a Christmas luncheon. Ham sandwiches, beverages and tableware will be provided by the funds collected during the year at the fellowship time. Geri will purchase the ham, buns and will also bring potato salad. Everyone else is asked to bring a dish to share.

The 2019 insurance will have no changes in the insurance coverage but there will be a small increase in premium payments. The drug program will be sending a letter to any changes in their coverage. A round of applause was given to Jerry Redington for his continued work on our behalf with the VEBA board.

Wayne is going to attend a talk on the Urban Railroad from Freeport to Rockford. If he finds it interesting he will see if he can get the speaker to come talk at our meeting.

We welcomed three ladies who were attending for the first time.

It is time for the nominations and elections of our officers. Nominations were for Trustees: Leo Patterson, Shirley Duchow, Joe Coates and Gary Kraft. All accepted the nomination. For Secretary Susan Walt was nominated, for Treasurer Geri Hendren was nominated, for Vice President several people but none accepted and President Jerry Redington. Susan, Geri and Jerry accepted the nominations. Since no office was contested all were elected by unanimous ballot. Wayne will serve as VP until the position is filled although he will be unable to attend many meetings.

There were 180 who had positive test results because of asbestos out of about 400 tested. A widow of one of our past members said she has reviewed her husband's medical records with the law firm and found that he would have been eligible for funds. She will receive his funds.

We adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Walt, Secretary