

SOAR minutes
October 12, 2021

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 Rich Hofmaster, Leo Patterson and Shirley Duchow.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer Ron Ethridge gave his report of \$3051.25 in the checking account. Last month we approved giving Tina and Delores \$50 each from the checking account for past expenditures. It was suggested that we give them this money from the hospitality donations instead of the checking account since the items were purchased for the hospitality time. There were a lot of steps to change over to a new treasurer with the bank. It took a while to get a new name on the checking account.

Ron and Diane Ethridge cleaned out the storage areas. There was some old food left over from when we last had a hospitality time. Thanks Ron and Diane.

The Salvation Army toy drive is coming soon. Wayne Komprood has found a large plastic barrel to have at the plant for monetary donations. He asked Titan to donate but they already donate \$500. Geri Hendren will donate 35 knit hats that she has made over the year. We will collect from the SOAR members at our next meeting, Jerry suggested we give a donation from our checking account. We will discuss this next meeting.

Jerry suggested that we have an audit of our checking account. Next month the trustees will meet about 10 minutes before the meeting and look over the books.

Since Covid health care expenses have gone up as well as other costs. It sounds as if the Social Security COLA will go up quite a bit.

Goodyear VEBA has new people on the board and so they reviewed the history of VEBA. With careful management the length of time that VEBA hopes to be viable has gone up. Everyone should receive their insurance package for 2022 in the next few weeks. There are two plans: 1. Pre-65 or not on Medicare yet and 2. Those who are on Medicare (65 and older). Changes will be made in the vision care section.

Our next meeting is Nov. 9 and the Dec. meeting will be the 14th. Wayne will find out the deadline for the donations for the Salvation Army toys. It was suggested we set a date at the plant so we avoid the holiday shut downs.

Next October it will be time for officer elections.

No one has heard from or received checks from the Asbestos litigation fund. Jerry feels it was worthwhile even though people did not get a lot of money. Lots of people were tested and some found they needed to have further test or care. Linda Downing was happy with the lawyer she has been working with.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Susan Walt, Secretary