

SOAR minutes
September 11, 2018
1:30 p.m.

President Jerry Redington called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence followed to honor those who died on 9/11, seventeen years ago. The roll call of officers was taken and all were present.

The minutes of the August meeting were read and approved as corrected. The word memorabilia was inserted between beer and collection.

The Treasurer gave her report.

Election of officers needs to be taken this fall. A motion was made and seconded to have nominations and elections at the October meeting and installation of officers in November. The motion passed. If you wish to accept a nomination and you won't be here in October you need to send a letter in writing that you accept.

Jerry discussed the Asbestosis process that he has gone through. He had many questions for the attorney before signing the papers. If you are to receive checks you may receive several over the next four years. You may be eligible for money from several different funds plus money is disbursed by the number of people who apply and qualify. The attorneys will take 45% of the money awarded to cover testing and representation, etc. Both Jerry and Leo said they were impressed with the doctors.

The gate drop for the Salvation Army Toy Drive has been set for November 14.

Northwest Illinois Hospice is now called Northwest Volunteer Visitors.

President Todd Hastings of Local 745 spoke about what is happening. The Union has a shed that has been damaged by the wind that they will be taking bids for. The Janus case that was decided that public sector employees do not have to pay dues or fair share has been passed. Janus retired from his public sector job and is now working for Gov. Bruce Rauner in another capacity. There was a Steward school last week and they invited management to come have a discussion which was very helpful. There are 272 members in the tire plant. The plant has been receiving some new tire contracts. The school unit is doing well as also is the Valspar unit.

Com Ed will come to your home and replace any non-energy saving light bulbs that you have with energy efficient ones for no cost. Call 886 652 2955 press 1 to make an appointment.

Wayne has 28 new solar panels in his yard. He feels he will have paid them off in just 3 years. Stateline Solar was the company he dealt with.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45. A Fellowship time followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Susan Walt
Secretary