

SOAR minutes
Sept. 10, 2019
1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wayne Komprood and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The roll Call of Officers was taken and all were present except for President Jerry Redington and Trustee Gary Kraft.

The minutes were approved as read. A thank you card from Contact was received for the \$100 we had donated to them.

The Treasurer's report was given.

Jerry was unable to come today because his wife is very ill. He reported to Wayne that he had attended the VEBA meeting by conference call. VEBA sent out 2200 letters as a survey to verify that everyone receiving benefits were eligible. About 1200 people responded. A second letter was sent out to those who did not respond. If you fail to respond you might be dropped from your benefits. It will be difficult to get your benefits back if you do so. About 13 of those who responded were ineligible for benefits. Not all members received a letter so you do not need to respond if you did not get one.

Wayne updated us on going solar. There is a deal were you don't put anything down for the solar but you do not get as much back. You are really paying for your solar through your electric charges. Wayne paid upfront for his solar and so he gets a much bigger percentage off each month to reimburse him.

We will again look into collecting toys for the Salvation Army Christmas toy drive. Wayne will see if someone can come in October to speak about this program. He will try to get a date in early November for the gate drop.

The tire plant was shut down for a week in September. They are mostly making large tractor tires and there is not a very big demand for those this year. The farmers are having a rough year with so much rain and the delay in planting. Lots of fields are not planted at all. There are optional voluntary layoffs available. The tariffs may be hurting the sales of tire also.

Asbestosis paybacks are slow to arrive although Leo knows someone who did receive a large check. We had another member say she has been told the check is almost in the mail.

We adjourned at 1:50 p.m. and enjoyed a fellowship time.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Walt

Treasurer