

JANUARY

**IBEW Local 245 Retiree Club
705 LIME CITY ROAD, ROSSFORD, OHIO**

President Tom Smolinski opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:35a.m.

All Officers were present. Secretary Susan Rodriguez read the minutes from the November meeting.

2018 Club Dues were collected at the sign-in table. Anyone who would like to mail their 2018 dues can still do so. Make the check payable to 245 IBEW Retirees Club and mail it to IBEW Local 245, 705 Lime City Rd., Rossford, OH 43460.

Thanks to all who participated in the Toys for Tots program. The gifts will make many children happy this Christmas.

President Smolinski announced the raffle to be held today. He also announced the luncheon to be served today. President Smolinski mentioned that we would like to line up some guest speakers for the Club. He asked that any member who knows of anyone who would be of interest to the group, to please let him know.

President Smolinski said the former retirees club left a total of \$1,600 in the treasury. He let the membership know that the funds are being held at Huntington Bank. This money and the dues money will be held on deposit and used to pay for some Club activities moving forward.

The results of the Interest Questionnaire were a wide range of activities. The top votes were: Attending Concerts and Sightseeing, however many other activities were on the list, including dining out, camping, museums and football etc.

IBEW has a magazine that is published quarterly. They have a Retirees page. We are looking for someone in our Club to write an article for submission to the magazine. We are looking for someone to compile an article detailing the resurgence of our Club and the activities we are planning. Please talk to President Smolinski for more details.

There was discussion about next month's meeting, to be held on January 9, 2018. This meeting begins our monthly pot luck meeting. It was suggested by Vince Broud that the main dish be announced in the newsletter then others could decide on a side dish or dessert to bring. Shirley Ludwig was the first to volunteer to bring a casserole and a dessert to the next meeting. Our meeting reminder will include additional information regarding the main dish. At the January meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for pot luck dishes for February.

Activities for the Club were discussed. There is interest among the membership to organize a casino trip. More details will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

President Smolinski opened the floor to questions. Some questions were regarding the method to communicate upcoming events. On the IBEW 245 website, there is a retirees tab where information will be posted. Mailings will also convey upcoming activity.

President Smolinski stressed the need for participation among members. There is a need for members to be involved in planning events etc. The Webers mentioned that the previous retirees club had the Rossford schools perform a choral concert for the Club at Christmastime.

Discussion for next Christmas involved suggestion, by Vince Broud, for a gift exchange drawing.

The question was asked regarding the current number of retirees. President Smolinski said there are approximately 300 retirees. When asked how many retirees have been attending Club meetings, the answer was 16.

The raffle drawing was held and Jerry Weber won a bottle of wine, Louise Broud won a bottle of wine, and Wayne Ludwig won the "mystery prize", which was A Christmas Story DVD.

Everyone stayed for lunch, prepared by Nancy Smolinski. We enjoyed sub sandwiches, chips, veggies, and dessert. Nice job, Nancy!

In closing President Smolinski announced that the next meeting will be held on January 9th @ 10:30a.m. and asked everyone to spread the word about the club in order to proceed with an active membership. Jan Eackel from Newcomer Funeral Home will also be a guest speaker at the January meeting to discuss funerals and cremations.

President Smolinski closed the meeting at 11:20a.m.

REMINDER - AGENDA -January 2018

January 1st - HAPPY NEW YEAR



January 9th - 2nd Tuesday 245 Retiree Meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Union Hall

Officers

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| President - | Tom Smolinski |
| Vice President - | John Rodriguez |
| Secretary - | Susan Rodriguez |
| Treasurer - | Nancy Smolinski |