

THE ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED CONSERVATIONISTS

The March 6, 2024 meeting was held at Imperial Gardens in Madison. Forty-four people were in attendance.

ARC President Laurel Steffes called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm.

The cost of the meal was \$20 for egg rolls and a variety of Chinese dishes served “family style,” and followed by tea and fortune cookies.

President Laurel Steffes called for a moment of silence in observance of friends and family who have passed, essential workers and our troops who are serving in harm’s way.

Financial Report

Treasurer Dick Steffes reported that the balance of the savings account is \$44 and the balance of the checking account is \$114. All bills have been paid. A donation was made to the Natural Resources Foundation in memory of Jim Addis.

New Members

Retired DNR attorneys Robin Nyffeler, having served 30 years, and Edwina Kavanaugh 27 years, were introduced and subsequently unanimously voted into WARC.

“Frank-n-Miller Report”

Bob Schaefer reported a 1% increase for Core and a 1.16% increase for Variable for the month of February. He reminded us that the December numbers are the ones that matter.

Old Business

None

New Business

Laurel announced that Lew Posekany was inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame. His decades of work led the way to the creation of statewide landmark waterway management and protection laws.

Deaths and Illnesses

None reported

Trips

Dennis Schenborn and his wife took a geological trip to Poland.

Speaker

Chuck Pils, who retired as Director of the Bureau of Endangered Resources in 1999 after serving in aquatic and wildlife management positions since 1966, spoke about his nine trips to Cuba. While there, he immersed himself in learning about the island country's medicine, education and natural resources. See Chuck's presentation at: www.wisarc.org/wn.php

We're continually recruiting speakers. If there's a topic of interest or a person that you'd recommend address our membership, contact Laurel at Laurel.steffes@gmail.com