

## **Brookhaven Retired Employees Association (BREA)**

### **Minutes of the July 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 Meeting**

**The meeting was called to order by President, Myron Strongin. The meeting was held in Room D at Berkner Hall at 12 noon.**

**Those present were Myron Strongin, Elliot Auerbach, Dave Cox, Alyce Daly, Ronnie Evans, Carol Kramer, Flo O'Brien, Arnie Peskin, and Richard Skelton. A retiree, Nancy Siemon attended the meeting.**

**The minutes were accepted with the following change: Membership should be offered to Retirees at \$10.00 per year, \$40.00 for 5 years and \$95.00 for a Lifetime Membership. Dave Cox called attention to the fact that the \$95.00 Lifetime Membership Was left out of the last minutes. The minutes were accepted.**

**Myron began the meeting by discussing the Luncheon and various opinions were Expressed with particular reference to the entertainment. Some felt that the program was too long and did not allow people enough time to socialize. Suggestions were also made for entertainment next year, e.g., Magician, Illusionist, a singing group, or something that did not take up a lot of time and prevent socialization.**

**Next we had the financial report on the BREA Luncheon that indicated that we spent \$660.50. Ken gave us an up date on our financial status. Ken needs to give Alyce Money for the Sunshine Club.**

**Richard Skelton spoke about Myron's comments at the luncheon urging members to attend our monthly meetings.**

**Arnie spoke with Liz Seubert re putting article in the Bulletin inviting retirees to come to monthly meetings. This article would be accompanied by pictures of The Luncheon. Liz was asked to put the article in the Bulletin before the next meeting in September. The article is meant to encourage retirees and those about to retire to come to the monthly meetings.**

**We were informed that building 475 was closing and we would have to move our Office. Myron is trying to find a suitable one for us in Physics.**

**Myron said that Steve Stern would speak to us in November. Myron has reserved Room B in Berkner Hall.**

**Elliott expressed the belief that we should discuss health benefits with Bill Hemphling only once a year.**

**The subject of volunteering was mentioned. We would like to determine if any retirees would be interested in speaking to school children on the subject of global warming.**

**Flo Suggested we contact Bernie Manowitz and see if he would come and talk about Global Warming.**

**Our Guest, Nancy Siemon was given the opportunity to ask questions regarding distribution of retirement funds. Nancy was confused as to how she should go about taking her TIAA and CREF funds. Elliott offered the most advice. The board members all offered their experiences and tried to clarify the rules of disbursement.**

**The meeting ended at 1:00 PM. All were reminded that there would be no meeting in August and that the next meeting would be on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Florence C. O'Brien**