Meeting called to order by President Kay Stanek at 7:50 a.m. Forty-five members were present.

Shirley Anderson-Porisch was named timekeeper and parliamentarian.

The agenda was reviewed. Liz Templin moved and Kay Lovett seconded to accept the agenda as printed. Motion carried

President Stanek welcomed guests to the meeting.

The minutes of the 2007 meeting were printed in the annual report. Cindy Bigger moved and Sue Fisher seconded they be accepted. Motion carried.

Jerry Tesmer reviewed the treasurer’s report as printed in the annual report. The $7 initiation fee for new members was dropped this year to avoid confusion. Two more members will bring us up to last year’s membership. The $500 transfer to savings that shows in the report is to keep the account active at the bank. There is currently $1639.29 in the savings account that does not show on the report. The report will be placed on file.

Kay noted the new logo on the front of report. This logo has been adopted within the last year by ESP. They have also updated the mission statement.

Committee reports were printed in the annual report. Questions and comments were solicited.

Awards and recognition announced the following winners:
   DSA – Dorothy McCargo-Freeman
   Administrative Leadership – Tammy Bremseth
   Friend of Extension – George Thompson
   Continued Excellence – Jeanne Markell

Dorothy McCargo-Freeman moved and Heidi Haugen seconded to accept the printed committee reports. The Motion carried

Committee comments -- We were reminded the editors of the newsletter (Kathy Olson and Sara Croymans) have retired and new editors are being solicited. Glenice Johnson and Jeanne Markell were recognized as retirees.

Sheila Craig was recognized as retired treasurer.

The nominating committee reported candidates:
   President-elect – Marcia Woeste
   Director – Sue Fisher

Carry-over officers and directors are Neil Broadwater – President, Chuck Schwartau – Secretary, Jerry Tesmer – treasurer, Toni Smith-director and Kay Stanek –past president.
Cindy Peterson moved and Nancy Hegland seconded to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

Naomi Fruechte and Diane Damerow audited the books and found them in order.

There was discussion regarding the fiscal year dates. Phyllis Onstad moved that unless the by-laws state otherwise the fiscal year be made October 1 to September 30. seconded Roselyn Biermaier Motion carried. (Secretary’s note, November 3, 2008 – this is the fiscal year specified in the by-laws)

Jerry Tesmer presented the budget proposal as printed. Jerry moved the proposed budget be accepted. Tim Dolan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The 2009 annual meeting date was brought up by the president. We are concerned about the meeting time being readily available to retirees so there was discussion to moving the annual meeting to a summer gathering. Mike Schmitt suggested not doing that in 2009 to encourage more attendance at the centennial celebration in 2009. A summer meeting may be an option to consider in 2010. A mid-day meeting would probably be most conducive to retirees if it could be arranged.

New members were initiated: Nicole Pokorny as associate member; Holly Arp, Katie Clark, Kelly Kunkel, Elizabeth Stahl, Eric Vogel, Nathan Winter, Becky Hagen-Jokela are new full members.

Gwen Gmeinder led the memorial service. Those honored were Julia Bartlett, Arnold Claasen, Sharon Beckes, Harold Cloud, Richard Estum, Mae Kersting, Barbara Larson, Charlie Peterson, John Peterson and Myra Zabel. Glenice Johnson installed the officers and directors.

Neil Broadwater announced the committee chairs for 2008:
  Auction/Fundraising Shirley Anderson-Porisch
  Member Services (Awards) Janet Beyer
  Global Relations Tim Dolan
  History/Archives Kent Gustafson
  Legislative Toni Smith
  Membership Kia Harries
  Newsletter editor open
  Nominating Kay Stanek
  Professional Development Bob Mugaas
  Retiree/Life Member Gwen Gmeinder
  Scholarship Phyllis Onstad

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.

Chuck Schwartau, Secretary