

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
APRIL 12, 2005**

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS: Nancy Acevedo, Alice Anglim, Charles Buchanan, John Casey, Jim Foley, Joe Flynn, Pat Karnes, Don Robbins, Sylvia Tatum, John Tsiknas, Virginia Silverman and Bob West

ABSENT: Joan Lundy-Boyd, Ruth Ann Hageman, Adam Saling and Dave Wood

GUESTS: None

President Nancy Acevedo welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Board meeting of March 8, 2005 were approved as submitted.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from member Harry Grady, expressing appreciation for the birthday card and note, which he said "brightened my day in my 84th year as not much else has."

The liability insurance policy was received; John Tsiknas agreed to review it for the Board.

Rebecca Wilson of the Retirement Office forwarded brochures from the Clairemont Friendship Senior Center with information about the senior emergency alert system. Copies will be provided to our greeters to distribute to interested members.

A letter received from the "Corporate Compliance Center requesting \$100 for a "Certificate of Minutes of Board of Directors". It was agreed that this was a scam and no response will be made.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sylvia provided copies of her written report. Beginning Operating Fund Balance 3/1/05 - \$2,204.69, receipts - \$1,408.02, expenditures - \$1,157.11, ending balance 3/31/05 - \$2,455.60. Reserve Fund Total - \$10,311.48, for a Grand Total Reserve - Operating Fund of \$12,767.08..

PROGRAMS

In the absence of Adam Saling, programs planned were reviewed. May will feature Tim McClain, San Diego Metro, one of the regular Editors on the PBS panel. June will be a Health Insurance Panel and July will be General Cardenas, USAF Ret., on the History of Flight. To allow plenty of time, we will plan to start our June and July programs at 11:15 rather than 11:30. Joe Flynn will pursue the possibility of having July be a joint meeting with the Retired Fire and Police Association, possibly at the Police Pistol Range.

RETIREE ISSUES TASK FORCE

Joe Flynn reported that a meeting was held with the Manager's Office, but our representatives were all unavailable. Dave Crow was there along with representatives of the RF&P. Our concerns were presented. Another meeting is to be scheduled following completion of meet and confer.

RETIREMENT BOARD MEETING

Joe reported on his training experience at Stanford. On April 7, an overview of CERS was given to the new Board members and was open to the public.

On Thursday April 14 at 1:00 p.m., there will be an investment review with Callan for the year ending 2004, and it is also open to the public. The first Board meeting with the new members will be Friday April 14 at 1:30 p.m. It will include a swearing in ceremony. Nancy stated that she had requested that our Association and RF&P each receive complete packets of information prior to the Board meetings. If not agreed to prior to the meeting, the request will be made of the Board.

Joe stated that Board meetings are now televised on Channel 24, but the time of airing varies.

HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Casey expects to continue on the HAC if it continues to exist. Apparently the staff is recommending elimination of some committees. We support it's continuance as it is the one place we have official input in the health insurance issues.

The newly produced City financial forecast states that a goal is to reduce retiree healthcare costs. Nancy stated she spoke to Tom Story, the Mayor's Chief of Staff, asking for a clarification. He had Lisa Irving, the Deputy City Manager over finance (who prepared the report) call her and state that the reference is to future retirees, not current.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEWSLETTER – Ruth Ann is out of town; she requested articles for the newsletter get to her no later than April 19, so she can get the May newsletter out on time.

MEMBERSHIP – Charles reported that two retirement seminars are scheduled - for April 27 and 28. He stresses benefits of membership in the Association - the information received and the fact that numbers increase our clout.

ACTIVE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE - Alice noted that MEA had picketed the Union Tribune for "untruths" and that there was the possibility of a strike since management is asking for an additional 3.5% to be paid by employees toward their retirement, along with no salary or benefits increase.

WEB SITE - John Tsiknas reported 2000 hits this month, and 199 good e-mail addresses. He noted that an increasing percentage of new retirees are computer users. He also requested digital photos to use on the web site, including an "improved" picture of the California Tower.

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE – Virginia reported that Nancy joined the Committee meeting April 5. She is providing information on "upcoming events" to John for the web site. Also the committee discussed putting together information to provide to members at each meeting on items and actions, which can be more complete than what is included in the newsletter. She plans to design a brochure for Charles to take when recruiting new members. At the General meeting she will distribute a sign up sheet for members to volunteer to assist in the Advocacy effort. Joe added that when members speak at various meetings, they should identify themselves as members of the Association. If expressing their own views they can state that they are speaking as an individual.

AD HOC COMMITTEE/DEVELOP LEGAL FUND POLICY – John reported that he will prepare an initial draft for review by the committee, which will then meet to develop a recommendation for

Board review. Virginia noted that the AUE group has raised \$200,000 for their effort and we may want to copy their methodology at some time in the future.

ACTION ITEMS

Proposed Retirement Board Meeting Time Revision - Pat Karnes learned that some members of the new Board may propose changing the Retirement Board's meeting time to 4:00 p.m., which would mean the meetings would not end before dark. There was consensus that the Board would take a position against such a change if it is brought forward, due to safety issues and the fact that many retirees no longer feel comfortable driving at night.

INFORMATION – DISCUSSION ITEMS

A draft of minutes of the Board's February 25 retreat, which Nancy had prepared in the absence of our Secretary, were distributed for review. The minutes were approved unanimously.

As noted above, the Alliance of Unrepresented Employees (AUE), has reached their goal of \$200,000. Although the Taxpayer's lawsuit has been withdrawn, it could be refiled after 90 days from the withdrawal date.

STATUS OF RETIREMENT FUND

Nancy reported the Retirement Fund balance stood at \$3.572 Billion, down \$85 Million from last month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Karnes/Nancy Acevedo
Acting Secretary