

City of San Diego
Retired Employees Association
Board Meeting
January 10, 2006

MINUTES

Present: Nancy Acevedo, Joe Flynn, Sylvia Tatum, Maggie Smith, Dave Wood, Ty Rogers, Virginia Silverman, Lynn Swanson, John Swanson, Jean Hughes, John F. Casey, Charles R. Buchanan, Robert West, John C. Tsiknas, Ross McCollum, Terry Flynn, Ruth Ann Hageman, Mary Lou Bernitz, Jean ?mmons, Ruth Herring, Rick Cumming III.

President Nancy Acevedo called the meeting to order. Minutes approved as submitted, motion by John Tsiknas, second by Flynn. Minutes are distributed by email only. There is a new roster with today's agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sylvia Tatum reported the balance in the Operating Fund on November 1 was \$13,597.16. Income for November was \$2,161.15 and expenditures were \$1,150.19, leaving a balance in the Operating Fund on November 30, 2005 of \$4,191.32. Reserve accounts totaled \$10,435.50 for a grand total of \$14,626.82.

She also reported the balance in the Operating Fund on December 1 was \$14,626.82. Income for December was \$2,018.38 and expenditures were \$1,910.51, leaving a balance in the Operating Fund on December 31, 2005 of \$4,299.19. Reserve accounts totaled \$10,454.86 for a grand total of \$14,754.05.

Sylvia will be using a new reporting format for the month of January.

Approval of Contribution for Recognition/Award to Sharon Beach, former Board Member and Sunshine Committee. Ruth Ann moved and John Casey seconded. Board approved.

PROGRAMS

New Chair, Ruth Ann Hageman, has set aside a program planning meeting at Mission Valley Branch Library on January 17th, 10a.m. to noon.

Planned already: January 10th- Phil LaVelle, Union Tribune Reporter; February 14th- Top Gun Capt. L. Robert "Bob" Canepa, USN Ret.; June 13th- Health Insurance panel; July 11th-UCSD Professor Steve Erie (author of "Beyond Chinatown"); December 14th- Holiday Luncheon at Tom Ham's Lighthouse.

RETIREE ISSUES TASK FORCE

Joe Flynn reported no activity.

RETIREMENT BOARD RETIREE REPRESENTATIVE

Joe Flynn announced that Navigant's "illegal acts" investigation of SDCERS, will be presented to SDCERS Board on January 20, 2006. He has asked that more than 50 copies be available. John Tsiknas requested a link to SDCERS for that document. Joe encouraged retirees to attend the presentation.

Joe announced that SDCERS' Board formed a Disability Committee on January 6. They will begin with training, regulations/laws, etc. dealing with disability. Their meetings will be open to the public. The City's April 2005 report, on disability pensions, was received by SDCERS' Board in November. Joe noted that the City has a higher number of safety and environmental equipment people in comparison to IBM.

He also reported, that as a result of the Federal indictments of SDCERS' staff and former Board members, Grissom's 90 day contract is no longer on the table. The indemnification, by SDCERS' Board, of Chapin and Grissom, was only if they were witnesses, not if charged, so they are no longer covered by SDCERS. Joe reminded us that attorneys have opinions and judges have decisions.

NEWSLETTER

Lynn Swanson's request to discuss email of the newsletter was referred to the retreat. Lynn thanked Ruth Ann for her work in setting up the newsletter in the past, making transition to Lynn very easy.

MEMBERSHIP

Charles Buchanan gave a retrospective before turning over the committee to John Casey. After a discussion, the Board preferred that CSDREA continue distribution of the "Survivor Benefits Information" booklet, developed on Dave Wood's watch, and not turn it over to SDCERS.

ACTIVE EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE

Lynn Swanson visited Alice Anglim on Christmas. As Alice has a loss of short-term memory, Lynn will take Alice's position of representative on the MEA Board.

WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT

John Tsiknas thanked Virginia for her work updating the on-line calendar of court dates, etc. He reported 13, 000 hits in December and hopes for 300 members on-line by July. The password encourages members to join and prevents "SLAPP" suits by making materials for members only.

ADVOCACY

Virginia Silverman, outgoing Chair, reported that she is updating the CSDREA website's calendar this week, but it will be a month before it is updated again.

Kroll is expected to report to the City Council on January 17th.

Nancy Acevedo asked for additional members for this committee, and Lynn Swanson volunteered to join new V.P. of Advocacy, Ty Rogers, and his committee of Virginia, Patricia, John Casey, Ruth Ann.

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD MEMBER APPROVAL

John Casey moved to pull Jean Hughes on to the Board, and Joe seconded. Passed.

AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chair Maggie Smith, members Bob Headland and Ruth Ann Hageman are the new audit committee. There was much appreciation to Sylvia for keeping the audit simple.

LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

John Tsiknas will review the policy. March 11 is the renewal date.

New Board members have asked for a copy.

INFORMATION-DISCUSSION ITEMS:

President Nancy Acevedo presented the Board Retreat Agenda.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Pre-planning for the general meeting installation.

HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUE PAPER UPDATE

Bob West's work is on the web site with a disclaimer.

CONTACT WITH THE MAYOR AND POSSIBLE PROGRAM

Ross suggested initially that we make an appointment with the Mayor and Ronne Froman to introduce ourselves, establish working relationship, and offer resources. Joe would like CSDREA to continue to develop a closer relationship with police and fire on issues and connect with their larger numbers. Ross pointed out that we are more significant if we recognize the families in our numbers.

Our CSDREA Board would like to follow up on these ideas. Joe said he would check with the Police/Fire retirees through Keith Enerson and work toward planning a joint meeting with them. Fire/Police retirees meet quarterly.

WOMEN AND DIVERSITY APPOINTEES TO THE SDCERS BOARD

Patricia asked whether a letter to the Mayor, pointing out the Board is currently all men, should be done as an individual or by the whole Board. A spirited Board discussion followed: The SDCERS Board should reflect the population. Lynn Swanson suggested the wording: "When you are considering qualifications, please keep diversity in mind. We are requesting more..."

Ross recommended not doing a shotgun, scatter approach. Maggie said a letter would let them know we are here. A third comment: Don't make it a battle. John Casey made a motion to send a letter as an organization. Dave Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed, with John Tsiknas and Ross McCollum voting no.

STATUS OF RETIREMENT FUNDS

SDCERS Fund Balance as of January 9, 2006 is \$4.117(up \$106M)

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Karnes