

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, April 8, 2008, War Memorial Building, Balboa Park

Present: President Nancy Acevedo, Dave Hall, Joe Flynn, Terry Flynn, Alyse Ford, Ruth Ann Hageman, Pat Karnes, Bob Korch, Ty Rogers, Maggie Smith, Jean Struiksma, Lynn Swanson, Sylvia Tatum, and John Tsiknas.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. Minutes for the March 11, 2008 Board Meeting were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nancy Acevedo

Two letters from David Wescoe, Executive Director of SDCERS. The first was a letter of appreciation to Nancy for the support of the Retired Employees Association in the issue of the IRS Technical Tax Ordinance before the City Council on April 1. The second was a letter of appreciation to Patti Karnes from David Wescoe saying, Thank you for your support of the Tax Ordinance. Your comments at the Council were effective and important. Thanks, too, for your support of SDCERS. It's important to me and all the staff.

We will send a response to the letter of invitation from the San Diego League of Women Voters to participate in their panel discussion on the issue of "San Diego's Ship of State: Shipshape or Mayday?" on May 1st at the Concourse's Silver Room from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Since there were no volunteers, President Nancy Acevedo said that she would take on the representation on behalf of our organization.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion approved to file for the audit.

ACTION ITEMS:

Patti Karnes asked the Advocacy Committee if they would attend the City Council meeting later this month for the second reading of the tax ordinance that was requested by the IRS, just in case there is a problem. Ty Rogers, as chair, agreed to represent our organization, because the City Attorney plans to present a companion ordinance regarding the presidential benefit affecting Judy Italiano and other past union presidents, as the IRS did not accept the original City agreement.

With regard to the Mayoral Debate scheduled for May 13th, Mayor Sanders office has indicated that he will not be able to appear until around 10:30 a.m. Various solutions to this problem were proposed.

Now, 395 newsletters go by email. Lynn is contacting those who have email address changes.

Dave Hall reported on his activities in orienting himself to his responsibilities as the Retiree Representative on the Retirement Board. He attended a course at Stanford on

“fiduciary responsibilities,” which he found to be excellent. He has met with Doug McCalla to discuss how the Board puts together its budget. He also wants to find out more about health care. It was suggested to Dave that he write a report once a month on his activities, rather than making a report each time something occurs.

Dave notes that a disability application is taking up to three years to process, and he wants to see if this process could be made more efficient. He is also interested in the financial checks and balances.

Dave suggested, and it was decided, that we should forward our newsletter to airport and port retirees.

John Tsiknas reported that his "Sweep" program changed the membership roster so that all members who have email addresses would now only receive the electronic version of the newsletter. A total of 396 members will be taken off the US Mail version saving about \$200 per month. Members will have to specifically request that they be sent the newsletter by US Postal Mail.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Ruth Ann Hageman, Secretary