

## CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, May 13, 2008, *revised June 12, 2008*  
War Memorial Building, Balboa Park

Present: President Nancy Acevedo, Dave Hall (later in the meeting), Joe Flynn, Terry Flynn, Alyse Ford, Ruth Ann Hageman, Pat Karnes, Bob Korch, Jean Struiksma, Lynn Swanson, Sylvia Tatum, and John Tsiknas.

Before the quorum was achieved, information only items were presented as follows:

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Council passed second reading of Tax Ordinance.

Nancy was a panel member at the May 1 League of Women Voters' Symposium "Shipshape or Mayday". Focus was on the future of the City budget, rather than pensions.

Nancy filed a P & R Revised Facility Permit so CSDREA can continue to use the Board meeting room for lunches in the future.

Nancy electronically filed CSDREA's short form tax return.

Wescoe has not yet gotten back to Nancy on "unresolved issues", including three items listed under pending items on the agenda. (Later in the meeting, after Patti mentioned Wescoe was up for his performance review, Terry suggested we mention it to the Board. Dave Hall suggested contacting the Board President.)

9:35 a.m. Quorum was achieved. Minutes for the April 8, 2008 Board Meeting were approved with the following correction: Dave Hall will share one of our newsletters with airport and port retirees; they would need to join to get the newsletter monthly.

### **TREASURER:**

Sylvia reported that the Phoenix Mail bill will go down about \$200 next month, due to increased use of sending newsletters by email.

Sylvia added that she is looking forward to SDCERS improvements in notifying her of the withholding of dues.

Treasurer's Report approved: MSA.

### **NEWSLETTER:**

Lynn has card to send out to people whose email bounces. John: members we have had for years have finally given us their email address.

Sylvia: Forever stamps are available at the Post Office until they run out. She suggests we buy some more.

Lynn is to be reimbursed about \$3 for postage for postcards.

Joe: we will hit a point where Phoenix will say that it is no longer worth it to them to print.

**CREDIT CARD:**

John Tsiknas suggested we have a credit card for expenditures. Sylvia checked with San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union: they no longer have credit cards. Lynn suggested opening an account that has a credit card available, with a limit, say, of \$200.

Terry Flynn suggested we look into banking somewhere else: he will check w/ Mission Federal and another credit union. MSA

**PROGRAMS:**

Mayor Forum: Eric Bidwell is bringing his mother to lunch. Virginia has volunteered to greet Morrow. And Lynn will greet Sanders. The press is already set up: Lynn. Terry will do timing. Joe will do questions. Sylvia will help Joe with questions. We won't let people hand in questions directly to the stage. Nancy will announce that people should raise their hand if they want their questions picked up.

Sanders and Francis will come as soon as they are finished w/Union Tribune interviews.

**ACTION:**

Waterfall has been continued again. Purchase of Service will be dealt with at the same time.

Lynn: Advocacy Committee. Continued because of request by City Attorney.

**SDCERS OBSERVERS:**

Presidential Leave resolution determined for everyone except Judie Italiano.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

Joe presented inscribed cups and pens: this will be decided at the next meeting.

In addition to the sunshine cards: Sharon is also sending sympathy cards to the families of those members have died.

Lynn suggested we revisit the idea of having a place on the website where we let people know that a member has died.

Luncheon drawings: according to Lynn these are going pretty well. Might bring people to the meetings : Lynn suggested we make it \$25. Joe: give them Souper lunch credits. Lynn: let's have different things: Target, gallons of gas, Trader Joe's. Nancy: combine: have Souper Lunch credit every other time. Today it will be a Trader Joe gift certificate and a free lunch. MSA to raise the amount from \$20 to \$25.

Nothing else to report on Advocacy Committee. It was urged that board members come down for the Waterfall meeting. John will talk to Al Hardtarfer about coming back to the board.

**PROGRAMS, CONT'D:**

Travel buy in August per Alyse. For June the Health benefits. Section that shows future programs. Sept.: combined meeting with SDCERS? Election in November: might do something then. Lynn : suggest write to people right now: Patti: issues that might be on the ballot: Balboa Park, Forums might not worth be continuing. Nancy: Pam Stevens: Sr. Life Assistance: needs for seniors. Panel of people

who provide different services to people. Volunteer San Diego: ways senior people can volunteer. Elderhelp: Jeanne.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Joe and Alyse are going to combine the two brochures into one. Nothing scheduled until later in the year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Lynn: Healthnet or Kaiser will be offered to active employees. There is a proposal to change the deal for people who are hired after Jan. 1, 2009.

SDCERS Fund Balance: \$4.887 billion, plus \$186 million since last report February 11.

Dave Hall: will miss next meeting. He is continuing a series of meetings with CERS staff; it has been very helpful. In June actuary will come. Disability Committee: a lot of misunderstandings

Still a gross misunderstanding among civilian members of the board about Retirement and DROP.

Thank Joe and Patti for copious notes. Very helpful to read what others have heard.

Terry : list of issues that have not been dealt with. Joe: Bring before board. Ron Moskowitz and Nancy Acevedo.

Joe need information from CERS: facts and figures we have been asking about.

The San Diego Union includes DROP, SPSP, etc. when they are reporting people's retirement.

Does CERS have a public information officer?

Further discussion regarding Retirement Board issues.

Adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

*Ruth Ann Hageman, Secretary*