

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, August 12, 2008, War Memorial Building, Balboa Park

Present: Vice President Patti Karnes, Joe Flynn, Terry Flynn, Alyse Ford, Ruth Ann Hageman, Bob Korch, Ty Rogers, Jean Struiksma, Lynn Swanson, Sylvia Tatum, John Tsiknas and Bob West.

Meeting was called to order at 9:47 a.m.; minutes of July 8, 2008 (moved, Ty Rogers, seconded, Bob Korch) were approved and Alyse Ford was thanked for preparing them.

Communications:

President Nancy Acevedo sent letters to Roxanne Story Parks, Christopher Waddell and Armon Kamesar, Audit Committee Chair, SDCERS.

Jenny Wolff: jwolff@sandiego.gov is negotiating 10% off Verizon per Patti and John Tsiknas. John Tsiknas notified Jenny we have 480 retirees with email.

Treasurer's Report:

Sylvia Tatum's Treasurer's Statement of Operations showed ending balances in the Reserve Fund of \$2,035.03 in account #01; \$35,573.25 in 08; \$3078.47 in 09, for a Reserve Fund Total of \$40,686.75. The Operating Fund Balance is \$5,668.00, for a Grand Total of \$46,354.75.

The Treasurer and Board Member Terry Flynn also showed funds transferred from SDMCU and transferred to the Clairemont Square Branch of the North Island Credit Union. The Board had previously approved this transfer to North Island Credit Union because of the difference in the interest received, the increase in money earned on the money market deposits and the availability of the credit card. Terry said CD's were paying 3% interest.

Terry and Sylvia reported on the CSDREA Credit/Debit Card Status. Before the meeting, necessary bank signatures were affixed to the forms which Terry and Sylvia will deliver to the North Island Credit Union. John Tsiknas said vendors can bill CSDREA directly by using our account number, making a credit or debit card unnecessary. Nancy will know the password to the debit card. Lynn thanked Terry and the board for the change in banking.

Action Items:

Waterfall date: Second reading on Sept. 2. Our association will send a letter supporting 13th check and the Corbett payments, emphasizing that it is important to carry out the legal settlements. Joe Flynn said that all we need is a letter supporting Version A and he recommended that a CSDREA representative read the letter into the City Council record. Lynn Swanson suggested that a copy be sent to Mayor and each Council member. Terry Flynn suggested that a letter be sent thanking the Mayor and Council for their support of version A. Motion, Ty Rogers, Second, Terry Flynn. Approved.

Patti said that Nancy will make new member contacts with James Stam, Arthur P. DeBolt, Mary Ellen Kruse, Timothy M. Long, and Robert H. Wilson. Jean Hughes will contact Nora Brooks, and Ty will contact Carol Parkhurst.

Auditorium Seating Arrangement topic was postponed until Maggie Smith returns.

Information/Discussion items:

Joe and Patti gave a report on the meeting with Retired Fire and Police officers and SDCERS. The IRS is not allowing the elimination of medical paperwork for pre-1980 retirees. The SDCERS new version of the Retiree Death Benefits pamphlet was handed out. Joe suggested that CSDREA's pamphlet be included as a tear-out in Free Spirit, as well as notice of the 13th check/Corbett payments, the SDCERS General Meeting, pre-retiree seminars, etc. The board approved a motion by John Tsiknas, seconded by Terry Flynn, to send a letter to the SDCERS Board saying that CSDREA's version of the death benefit advice was about pre-planning, and the SDCERS version was post-death, and asking that CSDREA's version be included as a tear-out in the Free Spirit. Joe will finish revising the membership brochure.

Holiday Luncheon:

Tom Ham's gave SDREA the best deal in terms of price and amenities. Tom Ham's is 21.36 per person. Thursday, Dec. 11 is reserved for us at Tom Ham's, and a deposit check for \$1,000 has been sent to them. The committee will look into some kind of party favor. Lynn said there will be no speaker, but some sort of entertainment, e.g. school groups. The discussion of a subsidy for those who cannot afford it was deferred until Nancy returns. Lynn will sign the contract for the organization. Cost will be \$22. Ty suggested \$25. \$5 for low-pension people (this would be done confidentially through Sylvia). We'll hold this for further discussion. Lynn is going to design badges that are large enough to be read in photos and will cost \$26.19. Lynn said Jean Hughes remains in charge of selecting the menu and assisting members will name tags when they come in. It was decided to adopt the program with a \$24 charge: Motion by T. Flynn, second by John Tsiknas

Drawing part: 4 or 5 gifts. Trader Joe's card or something of that sort. T. Flynn moves, seconds gift cards TJ's or Target: One to be higher value than the others: Ty. Amend motion. Seconded by T. Rogers. Motion approved.

Talked with Dave about his meeting with us and RFP. He would come in at beginning of the meeting, or the end.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee: Joe deferred the idea of him being a recipient, saying the award should not be in-house. Anne Smith, the MEA City Attorney was suggested. We depended upon her knowledge, and she was very forthcoming with information to us. On the other hand, she was involved in the underfunding of the Pension Fund.

Advocacy committee: no action reported.

Membership Committee: No action reported.

Newsletter Editor Report: Jean will coordinate with SDCERS' Cynthia Queen regarding publicity for SDCERS program on Sept. 9th.

Programs: Oct. 19, Carl DeMaio, Councilmember Elect, District 5 will be voting on pension issues. His topic: "Restoring the Fiscal Health of San Diego and its Retirement System." Nov. 18, Doug McCalla and CERS Investment Staff: Meet and Greet. December 11, Holiday Lunch, no

speaker. Jan. 13, 2009, Balboa Park in its Second Century (recommendations going to the City Council), Vickie Granowitz.

Active Employee Assn.: Lynn will make a report in Sept.

Web Site

John Tsiknas reported that five members have unsubscribed from the Website. He will put them on snail mail.

Other

Bob West: Netflix with Healthnet. Prior authorization required for not using doctor from medicare. Supplemental. This group was founded in August 1966.

Picnic needed?

Meeting Adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Ruth Ann Hageman, Secretary