

## CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES, November 18, 2008, War Memorial Building, Balboa Park

Board Members Present: President, Nancy Acevedo, Vice President Patti Karnes, Joe Flynn, Terry Flynn, Ruth Ann Hageman, Dave Hall, Ty Rogers, Maggie Smith, Jean Struiksma, Lynn Swanson, Sylvia Tatum, John Tsiknas and Bob West; also guests, June Sandford, Dick Wilkins, Don Stinson, and Jean Holmes. Absent: Alyse Ford

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. Nancy Acevedo introduced the guests.

**Communications:** Consensus was reached on the decision not to invite Councilmembers to this November program, but instead to send a letter of congratulation on their election to the Council.

Later, a correction was made to the address for sending condolences to the family of John Casey: the correct address is 3159 Juniper Street, San Diego, CA 92104.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sylvia Tatum's Treasurer's Statement of Operations showed ending balances in the Legal Fund Savings of \$3,255.11 in account #01; \$35,225.25 in the Legal Fund CD, and \$8,769.55 in the Operating Fund CD for a Reserve Fund Total of \$47,249.91. The Operating Fund Balance is \$3,626.03 for a Grand Total of \$50,875.94.

Sylvia also pointed out that the Statement includes two debit (credit card) transactions. It was reiterated that Kaye Carey has taken responsibility for doing the roster. In addition Sylvia said that we have to comply with new regulations which govern the members' address changes, but we will not have to do this, and thus avoid the \$75/quarter fee. Motion to approve this procedure: Terry Flynn/Ruth Ann Hageman.

**Nominating Committee:** Joe Flynn gave the report of the nominating committee (Ty Rogers, Joe and Bob Korch). The 2009 Board will include Sylvia Tatum, Treasurer (a 2-year position), Maggie Smith, board member (a 3-year position), Bernie Gibson, board member (a 1-year position), Terry Flynn, board member (a 3-year position), and Ruth Ann Hageman, Secretary (a 2-year position). Ty Rogers, as Chair of the nominating committee, will make the presentation to the General Meeting.

**Health Benefits Information Paper:** Bob West presented the new health benefits information paper, with changes in red. The category of "married, filing separately" is in the paper now. People can contact Social Security or the website for a copy of the paper. It was decided that only the most recent version will be on the website, to avoid confusion.

**Holiday Luncheon:** Jean Hughes gave a report on the plans for the Holiday Luncheon. There will be no cocktail service in the room (unless we want to pay a \$500 fee), but they have an open bar upstairs in the restaurant. Jean will handle the order of the tables. Lynn said there are 37 reservations as of now. Lynn Swanson suggested that we have a

drawing, and the board decided on 10 prizes: a Trader Joe's card (Jean S. will take care of this), a Soup Plantation card (Jean Hughes will take care of this), and Lynn will take care of the rest of the prizes: 7 boxes of Sees Candy and one bottle of Dom Perignon Champagne. It was decided that \$120 will be allotted for these prizes by motion (Ruth Ann/Terry). In terms of entertainment, we have not been able to secure a school group, and others will want to be paid, justifiably. Jean Hughes will ask about background music. This time, there will be a short program, including the award presentation and the drawing. Jean will also verify that there will be centerpieces on the tables.

**Gift for Outstanding Contribution to Retirees:** Joe Flynn has bought our traditional gift: a very special radio. He said that the prices have varied between \$125 and \$70, and the new price next year will be \$199. However, the new radio has a piano-black finish, and is very beautiful. The recipient, Roxanne Story Parks, has not yet responded to our invitation, however, she has been away, and Patti will make sure that the contact is finalized. By the way, George Murray is leaving the board, and he has been a good advocate for retirees.

**Report from Dave Hall, Retirees' City Employees Retirement System Board Representative:** The Retirement System Board is cleaning up some ambiguities in past decisions about granting benefits to surviving ex-spouses. If the member gets a divorce after retiring, the divorced spouse is not eligible for benefits from the deceased member's account; also, new spouses (spouses acquired after retirement) are not eligible for benefits from the deceased member's account.

Payment of the 13<sup>th</sup> check and Corbett will be discussed by the Retirement System Board, as usual. Later, Dave Hall provided a general overview about the nature of Watch Lists of the various fund managers. Watch lists are discussed in detail at the Investment Committee and more generally during a full CERS Board meeting.

**Complaints Regarding Prescription Drugs under Healthnet:** Nancy said that there are issues about prescription drugs under Healthnet. Some people have been told that they have to change from one medicine, prescribed by their doctor, to another one. Nancy will call Val Vanderweghe to see if she can help. Lynn said that they are going to CVS as the prescription provider. Motion (Patti/Terry) to approve CSDREA's involvement in this issue passed unanimously.

**Attendees Needed at CERS Meetings:** Joe Flynn pleaded with people to sign-up to attend to show that retirees are interested in what the CERS board members are doing. Terry Flynn will go one month a year. Ruth Ann will go to Investment Committee meeting on Nov. 20. Ty Rogers will attend the System Board meeting.

*Ruth Ann Hageman*  
*Secretary*