

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Meeting of January 12, 2010
Veterans' Memorial Building, Balboa Park

Introductions of visitors and SDREA Board Members were made, and the meeting of January 12, 2010 was called to order by President Nancy Acevedo at 9:30 a.m.

CSDREA Board Members Present: President Nancy Acevedo, Terry Flynn, Burnie Gipson, Ruth Ann Hageman, Dave Hall, Patti Karnes, Bob Korch, Ty Rogers, Maggie Smith, Jean Struikma, Sylvia Tatum, John Tsiknas, & Robert West. **Incoming Board Members Present:** Jim Baross, Art Brown, Gary Hess, Dave Twomey, Dick Wilken, and Janet Wood. **Elected Rep to Retirement Board:** Dave Hall; **MEA Rep. & Spec. Events Chair:** Helen Phillips; **Retiree Issues Task Force Member:** Joe Flynn (also on RITF are Bob West, Nancy Acevedo and Dave Hall); **Other Off-Board Attendees:** Jon Dunchak, Nina Fishman, Dora Garcia, and Lynn Swanson

MINUTES: November minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Nancy sent a letter of appreciation to David Wescoe; also she sent a letter to Mark Hovey inviting him to attend the Holiday Luncheon in David's stead.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Sylvia's report was approved, showing a grand total reserve/operating fund of \$66,160.06 as of November 30, 2009. Motion (Burnie Gipson, Bob West) approved unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS: New member contacts will be made by Maggie Smith and Ruth Ann Hageman (new members are Jon Dunchack, Pat Drummy, Anna Der Parseghian, Charlene Gabriel, Frank Hoff, J. Alden Tansey, Marian Thompson and Debra Jo Wake).

The Board confirmed the email vote approving the subsidizing of the January luncheon. Motion (Terry Flynn, Bob Korch) was approved with one dissent. The Board also approved the change of venue for the February meeting to the Balboa Park Club. A motion to stay in the Veterans Memorial Building was defeated. A motion to subsidize the February luncheon passed with 4 dissenting.

Nancy appointed the 2009 audit committee: Burnie Gipson, Gary Hess and Jim Baross. Nancy also appointed three new members of the Revitalization Committee: John Dunchak, Dick Wilken and Janet Wood.

Maggie and Ruth Ann agreed to contact the new members.

Nancy distributed a Board Retreat Draft Agenda and confirmed attendance so lunch could be included.

INFORMATION - DISCUSSION ITEMS: Nancy announced that the installation of New Officers and Board Members would take place in this January meeting.

Holiday Party/Blood Drive. Helen Phillips commented on the success of the holiday party; also the blood drive brought in 220 pints.

Revitalization Committee. There was a report from Chair Maggie Smith on the Revitalization Ad Hoc Committee (present Committee members are Maggie, Patti Karnes, Burnie Gipson, Bob Korch, Joe Flynn and Lin Schoeneberg; future additions to this committee are John Dunchak, Dick Wilken and Janet Wood). The Revitalization Committee started in 2009. We were charged with finding ways to get more members and give the members the activities and information they desire.

In May 2009 a questionnaire developed by Ruth Ann and the Committee was mailed to many of our members. The entire Board participated in soliciting members who would answer this questionnaire about the Association's activities. The questions suggested by the board and committee and written by Ruth Ann were designed to measure what the membership wanted this organization to do in 3 different categories of activities. About 25% of the members were questioned. The response was very close to 85%. When the results were analyzed we discovered that our strongest point of contact with our members was through the newsletter. Many said the reason they attended because "I think the Retirement Association is an important group, and it stands up for the preservation of my benefits e.g. health benefits."

Revitalization goals were set out by the committee and remain: find out what the members want; find out what will attract members to meetings; how to attract new members; work with newsletter to expand and help develop it; work with Programs and Hospitality to make meetings more welcoming; and work with Programs to develop special events.

We feel improvements have been made furthering each one of these goals and many more can be made and will be made.

Resources from Nancy. Nancy set forth an outline of the pacing items for each month of the year, showing the responsibilities the Board has for such items as renewing insurance, presenting the audit report, etc. Also, Nancy included the 2010 Roster of Board Members and Committee Chairs.

RETIREMENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: The Board has changed its meeting dates to every six weeks starting on January 22. All of the Committees meet the Thursday prior to the Board meeting, starting with the Disability Committee at 8:30 a.m., the Business and Governance Committee at 10:30 a.m. and the Investment Committee at 1:30 p.m. Good News! As of our last quarterly report, ending in September 2009, the fund was up slightly over 11%. As of December 2009, the Fund value was over \$4.3 billion. The retired employee groups and other continue to work with SDCERS staff to improve the Disability Retirement Application process. Although improvements have been made to this very complex process, suggestions and recommendations for continued

improvement are routinely discussed and considered. The quarterly meetings that take place among the Retired Employees Association, the Retired Police and Fire Association and SDCERS staff provide a structured forum to address Disability Retirement Application issues.

(n.b.: January meetings' attendees from the Association will be Ty Rogers, Joe Flynn, and Jim Baross.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Helping Hands: Ruth Ann Hageman reported that through Nancy's efforts on the RITF, the SDCERS staff has agreed to distribute the packet developed by the Helping Hands Committee, which includes a checklist of items for the bereaved to consider as well as tax consequences. Contact was made with the families of Alan Hardtarfer and Virginia R. "Gini" Edwards, and packets were mailed to them.

Advocacy Committee: No report.

Newsletter Editor: No report.

Membership Committee: A report will be made at the Retirement Seminar.

Program and Recreation (Special Events) Committees: Dave Twomey reported that the February speaker will be John Warren, publisher of the Voice and Viewpoint newspaper, and the meeting will be held at the Balboa Park Club.

Active Employee Association Rep.: No report.

Web Site: Art Brown is coming on board as apprentice webmaster with the assistance of John Tsiknas.

PROGRAMS SCHEDULED:

January 12, Michael Zucchet, MEA General Manager

February 9 John Warren, publisher of the Voice and Viewpoint.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Ann Hageman, Board Secretary