

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION (REA)
NOTES OF JULY 13, 2010 BOARD MEETING
War Memorial Building, Balboa Park

Call to Order 9:35 AM

Attendance: Jim Baross, Dave Twomey, Patti Karnes, Gary Hess, Sylvia Tatum, Bob West, Janet Wood, Joe Flynn, Ty Rogers, Art Brown, Terry Flynn, Dick Wilken, Jon Dunchak, John Tsiknas, Robert Korch, and Helen Smith.

Non-Board members in attendance: Joe Flynn, John Tsiknas, and Ellen Smith.

MINUTES of June 8, 2010 approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

SDCERS has appointed Mark Hovey as the CEO. Jim will prepare a letter of welcome and an invitation to speak at a REA General Membership meeting and/or in conjunction with a Retiree Issues Task Force meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT provided by Gary Hess and accepted by the Board. Gary and Terry Flynn will research higher yield places to move some of the CDs to. If the CDs are kept, their maturity dates will be staggered rather than all maturing at once.

RETIREMENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT -
Dave Hall **was chairing an Ad Hoc Committee on Purchase of Service Contracts and was unable to attend.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership Committee reported TWENTYNINE NEW MEMBERS IN ONE WEEK! Congratulations were provided

to Jon and others for a significant increase in REA membership apparently a direct result of our new and revised brochure and special mailing, and to Sylvia for processing them all! Dick reported that an additional quantity of printed brochures became available that he purchased for \$100. Dick was asked to research and report the likely cost for mailing the brochure to those retired prior to 2002.

Advocacy Committee Dick, Jon and then Patti reported on the June outreach meeting and discussed the next outreach meeting on Retirement Issues, July 16 at the Pacific Beach Branch Library. It was agreed that the issue of needing increased funds to be prepared for legal challenges to retiree benefits. Jon D. will contact the Center for Policy Initiatives, SDSU, and MEA for information about relative pay and benefits for public employees.

Ad Hoc Lobbying Task Force – The committee (Dave T., Richard, Jon, Ty) recommended the establishment of an “Ad Hoc Committee on Legal Representation” to explore with Michael Conger and others a plan for legal representation should one or more of the threats materialize. These discussions would only be exploratory and would not commit any REA funds or establish an agreement for legal representation without formal REA Board approval. The task force was created with Nancy, Dick and Jon to research with retired city attorneys as well as with Conger.

Helping Hands – Janet Burgess will continue the committee functions and anticipates continued involvement from the committee members. The Helping Hands supporters include: Ty Rogers, Carmen Lutes; Mary Lynn Hyde; Paulette Mormino, Janet Burgess, Mary Bush, Sylvia Tatum, Nancy Acevedo, and Cherie Olaveson.

General Membership Programs Dave T. reported for Helen who could not attend today.

December Holiday Party - Jean and Helen “are on the same page” with preparations for the Dec party.

August Pistol Range Picnic - The guest speaker is District Attorney Paul Greenwood discussing elder abuse prevention... and the menu is outstanding!

September - City Council candidate forum for districts 6 and 8.

October may include a presentation about changes brought about by the new Federal Health Care requirements/programs and their potential tax consequences. Dave T. and Joe will contact potential presenters.

Retiree Issues Task Force Committee – no report

Outreach Liaison Task Force – no report

Active Employee Assoc. Rep. – Helen P. reported in absentia that MEA’s (Jon Hayes w/Integrated Labor Solutions/benefit section) did not have any time to write up something for REA newsletter this time.

Newsletter Editor – Janet reminded us all that submitted material for the newsletter should be provided on time by the 25th of each month.

Web site – Art was congratulated for the improved web and e-mail blast formats. He will be on vacation July 30 through Aug 14. John will provide back-up as needed.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Jim is still seeking to fill the vacant Secretary Board position
2. What outreach to the new SDCERS CEO from REA?
As noted under communication, Jim will prepare welcome letter and invitation.

INFORMATION - DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Health Benefits and the recent Health Fair – Jim asked the Board to, by September, be prepared to discuss how REA could be more involved with subsequent health benefit discussion/changes.
2. Next meeting agenda will be a brief meeting briefly prior to the Picnic/BBQ at the Police Pistol range.

Adjourned at approximately 10:45 AM.