

CITY OF SAN DIEGO RETIRED EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2009, War Memorial Building, Balboa Park

Joe Flynn opened the meeting. The flag salute was led by John Mills.

General Meeting Minutes were approved.

New member: Bill McGuigan

37th anniversary for Ralph and Violet Brown

50th anniversary for Terry and Sylvia Flynn.

Joe Flynn: March 5th birthday

Sylvia Tatum announced the Retirement Association has transferred our funds to the North Island Credit Union. They have a debit card. They have all of the services of typical banks. Credit Union auto-buying service. Individual you can contact: what you would like to have in a car. So far it is going well. She has packets of information for members who want to sign up with them. Sylvia has been the CSDREA treasurer for ten years.

Dave Hall, our representative to SDCERS, spoke about reduction in rate of return for the DROP accounts to 3.54%. Dave Hall voted no on the reduction in rates. He was concerned about the way it is determined. Why is Corporate Rate not given the same weight as T-Bills. Sliding scale is better in his opinion. Greg Bych will be the new member of the board. SDCERS is going to review the rate of return again in November because of the dynamic nature of the market.

Cynthia Queen, Member Services Director. Greg Bych added to the board. Bill Sheffler, Peter Preovolos, etc. are up for reelection. DROP interest rates: affects people who are active, but does not affect Retirees who are in DROP. California Supreme Court case: ruling that Government employees should have no expectation of privacy. SDCERS is going to provide any information that they have to provide.

Joe announced St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 15th. Also announced the research that Lynn Schoenberg had done on restaurants.

Union Tribune's campaign on different editorials: CHOP DROP. Also one on the health insurance. Benefit.

On the Border in Mission Valley will be the luncheon place offered for those who want this social opportunity.

Keynote Speaker: George Murray, one of the volunteers on the SDCERS Board. George Murray has been in the financial business for many, many years. Made many contributions to the SDCERS board. He stayed on until his successor arrived.

George Murray, former member of the SDCERS Board was introduced by Joe Flynn.

Mr. Murray said that he joined the Board after many years in the East, and when he joined, he did not know that there was a hostile atmosphere toward the retirement board and the retirement office. City Attorney Mike Aguirre, in his attacks on the board, solidified the resolve of the board to pursue what it saw as its proper course. Aguirre wanted to roll back the pension payments that were already contracted for. The Chief Administrator and the General Counsel of the Board were indicted, and these are still unresolved. This action ruined the two people involved.

Peter Prevolos is a leader. He led the focus on the board's fiduciary responsibility, and brought hope and direction to the board and to staff.

The initial problem came about in 1966 when the Board loaned money for the Republican Convention by foregoing paying the City's obligation to the pension plan. This procedure was continued when the City wanted to build Petco Park. These actions constituted compassionate stupidity: they were delving into money that was not theirs to use.

The newspaper began by attacking the Board, but then they came around to see the realities of the situation.

Murray was impressed by the dedication, zeal and expertise of the Retirement Board staff. David Wescoe, as a new leader, was able and articulate. He brought an increased pace to a talented group of people.

Ruth Ann Hageman, Secretary