

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY

P. O. Box 7231, Ventura CA 93006

“Dedicated to those who have already served”

Board Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2010

Four Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor

Board Members Present: Art Goulet, Ron Janes, Bob Riggs, Will Hoag, Ray Holzer, Lauraine Effress, Betty McCollum, Maria Older Kapp, Susan Lacey, Sandy Sanders, Jim Crow, Tom Convery and Maryellen Benedetto

Board Members Absent: Don Wright, Judy Nash-Wade

President, Art Goulet, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Minutes of the January 5, 2010 Meeting

Minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer’s Report – Maria Kapp

Maria reported on the March 2, 2010 Treasurer’s Report that See’s certificate sales were very busy. A net income of \$1,287 for February 2010 was reported. She also reported that we had 163 attendees at the February 2nd Luncheon and we paid for 163 luncheons. It was reported that we had several members send donations to the organization. It was clarified that the Ventura County Credit Union would no longer be advertising in the newsletter but they said they would be interested in “sponsoring” a future luncheon. After some discussion it was moved and seconded to leave the money market accounts where they are currently being held. It was moved and seconded to approve the current budget.

Old/New Business

Luncheon Reservations – Ray advised that he and Linda would not be in attendance at the upcoming May 4 Luncheon. Check in will be done by Linda Jorgenson and Mike Aalbers and Judy Sewell will be assisting.

Vision Care Plan – After a brief discussion it was moved and seconded that REAVC would pursue requesting VCERA to offer the VCP plan to retirees and the Board directed Ron Janes to write a letter to VCERA recommending the vision package presented by SACRS be offered to Ventura County retirees.

VCCU has requested to sponsor the May 4th luncheon and to receive two paid luncheon reservations. They also requested table space to display some of their literature. A motion was made and seconded to approve their requests.

Seating of speakers at May luncheon was discussed. It was agreed to seat the candidates at separate tables and that the program chair, Judy Nash-Wade

would be in charge. Judy Nash-Wade will work out the details of the presentation(s), in coordination with Tom Convery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associate Members – Maryellen Benedetto

We have two new survivor members. The Board discussed making the “survivor” letter more personal by addressing the letter to the surviving spouse by name. Linda stated this information was not always available but she would check with VCERA to see if it could be made available.

Audit - Bob Riggs

Currently working on tax returns and anticipating closing audit by June Board meeting.

Benefits – Ron Janes and Bob Riggs

The county will be putting out Request For Proposals in September. The County is expecting increases for current insurance plans.

Communications – Will Hoag

Will noted there had been a few inquiries regarding the STAR COLA running out in September.

Membership/Courtesy – Tom Convery

Tom reported 16 members deceased since last report, 15 new retirees and 32 new REAVC members, and a total membership of 2,759 as of March 1, 2010. In the committee's efforts to find ways to increase our membership, Tom reported having discussions with Skip Murphy, CRCEA President and Jeanne Berkshire, President of REOVC. Tom reported Kern County has a 70.2% membership from their total retiree count of 5,919 vs. Ventura's 53.2% membership from our total of 5,138 retirees. The committee will report back to the board after further investigation is complete regarding any recruiting practices that we should consider adopting.

CRCEA – Betty McCollum

Art reported that Ron Janes would be stepping down from the CRCEA Chair and Delegate positions to allow Betty McCollum to resume them. Ron will remain on the committee as the alternate Delegate. Ron reminded everyone to attend the Santa Barbara conference April 26-28, 2010.

Legislative – Susan Lacey

Susan cautioned everyone to please thoroughly read before you sign any petitions and she advised board members to call her if they see any petitions pertaining specifically to county employees.

Two bills, AB 1987 and SB 1425, have been introduced to address pension spiking. They are both works in progress.

Newsletter – Lauraine Effress

Lauraine and the board thanked Linda for her work on the newsletter. Lauraine asked the board once again to give some thought to possible guest contributors to our newsletter. Discussion ensued regarding the size/length of the newsletter. Tom suggested the page number be kept on the low side as to not discourage members from reading because it was too many pages.

Nominations and Elections – Maria Older Kapp

No activity reported at this time.

Program/Social – Judy Nash-Wade

Art distributed to the board material from Judy for their perusal and discussion at the next board meeting.

Scholarships – Lauraine Effress

Lauraine announced Shirley McClean, from the general membership, will be serving on the committee. As the new committee chair, Lauraine stated that nothing would change regarding the scholarship process but at a later date there would be development of an objective criteria and the committee would be reviewing the scholarship distribution dates.

Retirement Board – Art Goulet

Board considered contribution rates for employer and employee. The employer contribution has gone up substantially, costing the County another \$20 million. All eligible retirees will receive a 2% COLA increase and those with a COLA bank will receive an additional 1%.

There being no further discussion the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wyatt Jorgenson
Executive Assistant

Approved: 6/1/2010