

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY

P. O. Box 7231, Ventura CA 93006

“Dedicated to those who have already served”

Board Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2011

Four Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor

Board Members Present: Art Goulet, Ron Janes, Will Hoag, Ray Holzer, Lauraine Effress, Betty McCollum, Maria Older Kapp, Susan Lacey, Jan Standing-Roberts, Tom Convery, Jim Crow, Bob Riggs, Luisa Haskell

Board Members Absent: Don Wright, Maryellen Benedetto, Judy Nash-Wade

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

Art swore in new board member Jan Standing-Roberts and returning board member Susan Lacey.

Minutes of the October 5, 2010 Meeting

It was moved and seconded to approve the October 5, 2010 minutes as read. Noted corrections were made to the December 14, 2010 minutes and it was moved and seconded to approve them as corrected.

Treasurer's Report – Maria Older Kapp

Maria reported we have \$72,609.96 total assets and interest earned of \$584.55. We ended 2010 with a net income of \$4,953. Effective January 1, 2011 See's Candy will be raising their prices. The new in-store price will be \$16.50 and our cost will be \$13.70. It was moved and seconded by the board to keep our cost to members at \$13.00. It was noted by Maria if we purchase \$2,000 or above of certificates we will be given a 5% discount and this will allow us to continue our current pricing. We have an average cost per newsletter of \$2,269. Maria noted that the newsletter costs us 83 cents each. The board was advised that the Ventura County Credit Union has reduced their contribution to \$1,000. They requested to sponsor a scholarship. After discussion the board decided that a negotiating position needed to be established.

Old/New Business

Star Cola – Art reported we have, to date, received 14 letters. A motion was made and seconded that we will send a letter May or June of 2011 providing VCERA will supply the labels to the Star Cola recipients. Susan Lacey will compose the letter.

Committees – Art made the following changes to our current committee configuration: Jim Crow will serve on the CRCEA Committee, Luisa Haskell will serve on the Audit and Newsletter committees, Susan Lacey will serve on the Audit and Scholarship committees, Bob Riggs will serve on the Benefits/Insurance Committee, Jan Standing-Roberts will serve on the Membership/Courtesy and Nominations/Elections committees.

Parking – Art asked that an additional handicap sign be purchased. Linda asked for someone to volunteer to make stanchions for the signs to make them more visible – Luisa said she would get that done.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Associate Members – Maryellen Benedetto

Maryellen reported no new Associate Members.

Audit – Bob Riggs

No audit report.

Benefits – Ron Janes

No new benefits information to report. Next Labor Management Meeting will be January 20, 2011.

Communications – Will Hoag

Nothing new to report.

Membership/Courtesy – Tom Convery

Tom reported 18 new retirees, 13 new REAVC members, and 14 newly deceased members for the months of November/December 2010. As of December 31, 2010 VCERA reported 5,354 retirees and REAVC reported 2,798 active members.

Tom reported there will be a link on our website to access our posted videos.

CRCEA – Betty McCollum

Betty reported the upcoming CRCEA conferences to be held in San Diego in April and Sonoma County in October of 2011.

Legislative – Susan Lacey

Art reported that our CRCEA lobbyist has requested a fee increase that is triple what she is currently being paid. Susan reported the following new legislative representatives: Jeff Gorell, 37th District, Das Williams, 35th District and Julia Brownley, 41st District.

Susan asked that a reminder be posted in the newsletter to remind members to bring canned goods to our luncheons for Food Share.

Newsletter – Lauraine Effres

The possibility of having paid advertising displayed in our newsletter was discussed. No decision was made at this time.

Scholarship Committee – Lauraine Effress

Nothing to report.

Nominations – Maria Kapp

Nothing to report.

Program/Social – Judy Nash-Wade

Ray asked if the board still wanted “no-show” letters to go to retirees who fail to show for the luncheons. The board responded yes. It was discussed to raise the guest luncheon fee but the motion failed to pass.

Retirement Board – Art Goulet

Art reported that Jim Thonis, Retirement Administrator for VCERA, has resigned effective January 21, 2011.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wyatt Jorgenson
Executive Assistant

June 16, 2011