

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY

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“Dedicated to those who have already served”

Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2017

Four Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor

Board Members Present: Roberta Griego, Ray Holzer, Will Hoag, Butch Britt, Jim Crow, Don Greenberg, Paul Callaway, Anne Dana, Ken Cozzens, Cindi Mathieu, Maryellen Benedetto

Board Members Absent: Nancy Settle, Art Goulet, Tom McEachern

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Approval of the Minutes of the meetings on March 7, 2017 and June 6, 2017 was continued to the October 3, 2017 meeting. Both minutes needed revisions before approval. Motion made, seconded

Old/New Business

Financial Report: Submitted July 28, 2017. Butch Britt reported that effective January 2018, See's certificates will cost \$16 effective January 2018. Butch noted that that membership is declining. There was a discussion regarding the increase in luncheon expense. It was noted that the overall costs are about the same. Luncheons cost approximately \$4,000 each.

Motion made to approve Financial Report, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

My Senior Health, an organization offering insurance plans to members through newsletters, mailings, etc. It was noted that this has not been allowed to Steve Pettie who provides a variety of insurance plans to retirees in other “37” counties. It was pointed out that Steve supports CRCEA in many ways.

Roberta stated that REAVC is not in the business of providing insurance benefits. If we were to allow access to members, there would need to be a strong disclaimer that REAVC does not support or recommend any insurance plans. REAVC only wishes to provide the information to its members.

Maryellen stated that if insurance brokers are publicized through REAVC the Area Agency on Aging might suffer loss of clients. It was suggested that REAVC could offer paid advertisements in the newsletter.

Don made a motion to not offer My Senior Health information in the newsletter. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Butch moved that paid advertising be allowed in newsletters, that members could decide to use or not. This would include an appropriate disclaimer for REAVC. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Butch will find out advertising costs and report back to Board in October.

There was a side discussion on what members get from their dues and if more services were offered then more retirees might join.

Collette Travels: Will moved to allow Collette Travels to make a 15 minute presentation to board members following the September 5th luncheon. Motion made, seconded and carried.

Nominating Committee: Don Greenberg reported that the following board members are up for election this year: Nancy Settle, Roberta Griego, Cindi Mathieu, Don Greenberg, and Butch Britt. Cindi Mathieu will not run for this office again. All others will continue to serve. Members up for re-election cannot serve on the committee.

Will Hoag was appointed Chair of Nominating Committee. Bylaws require 2 board members not seeking re-election and 3 REAVC non board members make up the committee. Ken Cozzens agreed to serve on this committee. Ron Janes, Maria Older and Luisa Haskell were suggested as non board REAVC members who might agree to serve.

The Nominating Committee is required to submit a slate of nominees at the September General Meeting. Voting is in December if more people run than openings.

Dues Increase: Nancy and Roberta met with Linda Webb, VCERA, regarding the procedure for raising dues. An article on the dues increase and total amount needs to be in the newsletter. A letter from the Board to VCERA requesting the increase, the effective date of the increase and submission of the Board minutes approving said increase.

There was a discussion on an increase to \$3.00 per month

Paul moved to increase monthly dues \$.50 effective January 1, 2018; that Board is to begin process of providing notice to membership in the September newsletter. Motion seconded, motion carried. A short meeting to be held after September luncheon to approve these minutes.

Roberta suggested a survey to find out what members would like from REAVC. Ken suggested providing 3x5 cards to luncheon attendees for their input on what they would like from the organization.

Roberta reported that she and Maryellen will be going to the quarterly meetings for future retirees to provide information on REAVC. The REAVC Brochure was distributed and Roberta asked for input on needed changes.

Scholarships: Don reported we had 6 excellent candidates for scholarships. They had \$5,000 in scholarship funds. There ensued a fairly long discussion about the amount of each scholarship, not using all funds in year and “losing” it to the general fund, and finally the high cost of college fees.

Don moved to add \$1,000 to current funding, so \$6,000 could be awarded in September and allow \$1,000 for each scholarship awardee. The motion was seconded and motion passed.

Butch advised the group to think about the amounts in budget items when a new budget is proposed. It is not good practice to add-in amounts during the year.

At the October Board meeting we will have update from Anne on 2018 General Luncheon meeting venue. Board wanted 4 general luncheon meetings next year (3 regular and 1 BBQ). Butch will be doing an analysis of advertising costs for affiliates and general members to advertise services in our newsletter.

Roberta and Maryellen will be reporting back on the August County of Ventura Retirement Seminar Session.

Committee Reports

Associate Members – no change

Audit – no report

Benefits – no report

Communications – took candy phone requests

Membership – no report

CRCEA – next conference in Emeryville, October 23rd

Newsletter – articles due August 4th

Nominations/Elections – see above

Program/Social – Ed Jones speaker for September luncheon; reserving Wedgewood for December luncheon; other venues are being checked out by Anne

Scholarship – see above

Retirement Board – Art and Will are up for reelection in December

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Mathieu
2nd Vice President