

**RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY**  
**P O Box 7231, Ventura, CA 93006**  
**“Dedicated to those who have already served”**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2017  
Four Points Sheraton, Ventura Harbor

**Board Members Present:**

Roberta Griego, Ray Holzer, Will Hoag, Art Goulet, Butch Britt, Jim Crow, Don Greenberg, Paul Callaway, Anne Dana, Ken Cozzens, Cindi Mathieu, Maryellen Benedetto

**Board Members Absent:**

Nancy Settle, Tom McEachern

**Financial Report:**

The year end 2016 Financial Report was presented to board. The year-end assets total \$86,923.57 with -0- liabilities. It was noted we sold 719 See's Candy certificates for value sold of \$10,772.00. The pledge to the Poinsettia was discussed but the board agreed to leave the pledge and the pledge amount as is. The Budgeted amount for Professional Services for 2016 was over, due to having our website updated. Roberta commented that at the December 13, 2016 board meeting it was voted on and approved to raise the membership dues from \$1.50 per month to \$2.00 per month. Roberta commented that she would ask VCERA to make this effective March 1, 2017. Linda commented that she did not think this was enough notice to VCERA and that prior notice should be given to the membership. Art said an article in the January/February newsletter would give them notice prior to VCERA taking the deduction effective March 1, 2017. Roberta will discuss with VCERA. Butch notified the board that the VCCU granted \$1000 to our scholarship fund for 2017. Butch said he would be sending a thank you letter to VCCU. Motion was made and seconded to receive and file the Financial Report.

**Minutes of the October 4, 2016 and December 13, 2016 Board meetings have not been completed.**

An unofficial oath was given to new board members Anne Dana and Ken Cozzens, which will be followed up with the official oath being given at the next board meeting.

**Committee Assignments** were reviewed and Anne Dana joined the Membership/Courtesy Committee and Ken Cozzens was added to the Audit Committee. All committee members were thanked by our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Roberta Griego, for their participation.

### **Spring 2017 Conference**

Committee Co-chair noted that we are in need of financial help and asked the board to make a supreme effort to accomplish the goal. Roberta reported that they are still in the process of selecting speakers for the conference and getting the speakers confirmed. Roberta said that the hotel negotiations would be finalized by February. It was also noted that registration packets would be mailed in February.

### **Old/New Business:**

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Associate Members – Maryellen Benedetto**

No report. Maryellen requested that we revise the practice of sending potential membership letters to survivors. Linda said she would begin immediately.

##### **Audit – Paul Callaway**

No report. Paul asked Ken Cozzens to serve on the Audit Committee and Ken agreed to do so.

##### **Benefits – Roberta Griego**

No report. Roberta noted benefit meetings would begin again in May.

##### **Communications – Will Hoag**

Slow, nothing to report.

#### **Membership**

No report. Linda distributed the Membership Report for June thru December 2016. We had 130 new county retirees and a total of 2,933 dues paying members. County needs to be called to get 2017 schedule of new retiree meetings

##### **CRCEA – Roberta Griego**

Reminder of Ventura conference to be held April 24,25,26, 2017.

#### **Legislative – Art Goulet**

Art reported that only one potential meaningful bill introduced thus far. It is SB 32 (Moorlach) and states the intent to continue pension reform. However, Moorlach is a Republican in a Democratically controlled Legislature, so whether it will gain traction will remain to be seen.

Of greater importance are the two appellate decisions that call into question the “California Rule” which vests pension benefits in an employee from the day employment begins. The first case, in Marin County, allows the retirement system to exclude certain items of compensation from a legacy employee’s final compensation just as they are excluded from pensionable compensation under PEPR. The second case, in Alameda County, allows discontinuance of purchase of “Air time” by legacy employees. “Airtime purchase” is not allowed under PEPR. The first case has been appealed to the Supreme Court which has agreed to hear it, but will wait until another case pending

before the appellate court which deals with many of the same issues as the Marin case is decided.

**Newsletter – Linda Jorgenson**

Articles due Friday, February 3, 2017.

**Nominations and Elections – Don Greenberg**

No report.

**Program/Social – Ray Holzer**

Ray reminded everyone that the February 2017 luncheon had been cancelled. The May 2, 2017 luncheon would be held at the Wedgewood Inn. It has not been determined if we will return to the Poinsettia Inn or if Ray will continue looking at other venues. It was mentioned to board members to remember to be available, in the lobby, to answer any questions from members.

**Scholarships – Don Greenberg**

No report. Butch advised the board that he had sent a letter thanking VCCU for their continued support and for their \$1,000 grant for 2017. Butch also reiterated to Pattie Braga, Senior Community Development Officer, our invitation for her to attend our fall luncheon and participate in the recognition of the scholarship winners.

**Retirement Board – Art Goulet**

Art advised that the Retirement Board will be reviewing the 2015-2016 Actuarial Valuation at its next meeting.

**Other**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Wyatt Jorgenson  
Executive Assistant