

RETIRED EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION OF VENTURA COUNTY (REAVC)

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

June 9, 2020

In Accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20,
Members of the Board met Electronically (via Zoom)

Call to Order

President Nancy Settle called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call

Present

Board Members: Nancy Settle, Maryellen Benedetto, Butch Britt, Colleen Bruns, Paul Callaway, Anne Dana, Art Goulet, Roberta Griego, Will Hoag, Colleen House, Tom McEachern, Reddy Pakala, Cindy Schneider, and Kelly Shirk (left towards the end of the meeting)

Staff: Sharon Hurault

Absent

Board Members: Kenneth Cozzens

Approval of the May 12, 2020, Minutes

Due to their absences at the May 12, 2020, Board meeting, Roberta, Paul, and Cindy abstained from voting. The minutes of the meeting were accepted as presented. Moved/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) (Dana/McEachern/Unanimous)

Old/New Business

1. Receive and Fine Financial Report

Butch reported that REAVC is in good shape cash wise, and doing pretty good budget wise versus actual, when we consider the expenses of the scholarship checks which will be issued this month, and the dues that were made in June, but not reflected by the end of May.

It was moved that the Financial Report be received and filed.
Moved/Seconded/Carried (Reddy/Cindy/Unanimous)

2. Continued Installation from February 11, 2020, of New Board Members and Annual Installation of Officers - Nancy

Nancy Settle, President, officially swore in Roberta Griego as 1st vice president, for a new annual term

3. Audit – Ken

While Ken was not in attendance today, Cindy, who is on the Audit Committee and attended the audit meeting, reported that everything was fine, including balances on the CDs, checking accounts, and random receipts. Everything checked out “to the penny.”

4. Medicare Supplemental Insurance Membership Survey – See Area Agency on Agency HICAP Flyer – Consider REAVC survey for cost, ease of service, paperwork to be included in a news article for future open enrollment - Paul

Paul suggested that REAVC perform a survey on its members as to their personal experiences with insurance, including health and dental. Concern was expressed by Board members as to the benefits of such a survey, particularly since so much information on health insurance options is available to everyone from multiple sources, the time that would be involved in taking such a survey, and the future challenges that REAVC will have to deal with resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to re-examine this issue sometime next year.

5. Scholarship Committee Update - Tom

Tom reported that the Scholarship Committee received 15 qualified scholarship applications. Those who did not qualify were sent personal letters by him explaining why they did not qualify and inviting them to apply again next year. Maryellen noted that receiving scholarship money is not only recognition for the student, but also for the REAVC member who now has a child who has done well and received a scholarship through REAVC. It's worth it to be a member of REAVC. Butch will be processing the scholarships, and Sharon will place information on the scholarship recipients in the upcoming July/August newsletter. Tom thanked the Audit Committee for all of their hard work.

6. REAVC Database Update

Sharon stated that she has been working with Access 2013 to set up a pilot program for REAVC database, and to also clean up discrepancies that exist between the five REAVC databases in Excel that currently exist, and VCERA. She will work with Nancy, Butch, and Will to determine how to move forward with the databases.

7. Membership Report

Sharon reported that as of May 2020, REAVC had a total of 2,733 members.

8. July/August Newsletter

Sharon requested that Board members submit information to her for the upcoming newsletter by July 1, 2020. Maryellen asked about receiving the survivor's list. Sharon said that she will contact VCERA about reinstating this list.

9. COVID-19 Status

See Agenda No. 10 – Program Social

10. Other Business and Committee Reports

Butch noted that the See's CANDIES certificates are currently no longer being issued or honored at this time. However, while they are still good, currently, the See's CANDIES stores are accepting only credit and gift cards, internet, or call-in orders. REAVC will place certificate sales on hold for the time being until things are worked out. REAVC members may still purchase certificates from REAVC, but they may need to hold on to them for a while. Butch and Sharon stated that this information will be placed in the upcoming newsletter

Committee Reports

- Retirement Board/Legislation (Art) – Highlights of Arts report included:
 - There has not been a lot of activity in the legislature. Most of it has to do with COVID and enacting provisions in the law to protect first-line workers in case they get infected.
 - Since the last REAVC newsletter, the Retirement Board has been meeting, and staff has been working, remotely. The County has just adopted a very substantial COVID approach to normalcy, and VCERA is latching on to this and staying up-to-date on its responsibilities in terms of dealing with retirees.
 - Fiscally, we are conservatively on our way to getting where we were.
 - There is an election for a general member (five candidates). Petition signing was done using electronic signatures. There will be another election, probably in December, for the retiree slot filled by Art and Will (alternate retired member, safety member, and alternate safety member).

Will noted that due to the cost of processing paper retirement statements, future statements will be provided electronically, thereby saving money for the retirement system. Reddy noted that when he moved, he had to complete a paper form and submit it to VCERA for processing, rather than to make an address change online. Art said that he will present this to the administrator for further discussion

- Associate Members (Maryellen) - Sharon is sending her a list of REAVC members who have recently passed away. Maryellen will wait for VCERA's response regarding receiving a survivors' list.
- Benefits (Kelly) – Because Kelly had to leave toward the end of this meeting, Roberta stated that the County's Benefit Committee has not been meeting due to COVID-19.
- Communications (Will) – There was nothing of importance to report.
- Membership/Courtesy (Nancy) - For the time being, the County has canceled their retirement workshops due to COVID-19.
- CRCEA (Will) – There was nothing new to report. Status of the fall conference is unknown.
- Newsletter/Butch – See Agenda Item No. 7
- Nominations/Elections – Nancy noted that the REAVC Board currently has 15 members, with a maximum of 16. Jacquie Richardson, who had previously contacted Nancy, is still interested in being on this Board whenever there is an opening. Nancy stated that she could invite her to attend one of our Board meetings.
- Program/Social (Anne) - The Board discussed the difficulties of holding REAVC luncheons through 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions. Anne noted that deposits had been previously placed with Sterling Hills for our 2020 scheduled luncheons. She is willing to tell Sterling Hills that REAVC would like to continue to have the luncheons, and that we are willing to work with them; however, it will depend upon the COVID-19 status. Would they be willing to refund or carry-over the money for the September luncheon to December? By doing so, we would not sever the relationship. Anne will contact Sterling Hills once they re-open.

Following discussion, it was moved to delegate the authority to Nancy and Anne to deal with how to best handle luncheon reservations through 2020

rather than to bring them before the Board for discussion. MSC
(Art/Kelly/Unanimous).

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

The next REAVC Board meeting will be held electronically on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hurault
REAVC Executive Assistant