

## **PPSPERA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Friday, June 7, 2013**

**9:00 am**

**Peak Grill**

**Present:** Alan Rasmussen, Bud Lehmkuhl, Elaine Naleski, Gerry Olvey, John Kerr, Joyce Schmaltz, Judy McCormick, June George, Karen Hart, LuAnn Long, Meredith Jobe, Naomi Lehmkuhl, Peggy Gardner, Roger Loudon, Sandy Patton, Terri Stevens

**Absent:** Barbara Watt, Charlotte Brummer, Joe Morin

**Guest:** Pam McGee

### **Call to Order:**

President Gerry Olvey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. with a welcome to all.

**Approval of the Minutes: April 16, 2013 Board Meeting:** Minutes were approved as presented. Motion: June George/Meredith Jobe.

**May 9, 2013 General Membership Meeting:** Minutes were approved as presented. Motion: Elaine Naleski/Alan Rasmussen.

**Additions/Approval of Agenda:** Sandy requested an item addressing anticipated new activity within the coalition be added to the agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended. Motion: Sandy Patton/Elaine Naleski.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer John Kerr reported that there are still bills to pay that have been budgeted. He also noted that the contributions for scholarships have almost exceeded the budgeted amount. The present balance in the treasury is \$14,046.26. John also reported that the on-line payment process for paying dues is up and running and does work. Karen will be kept informed of new members via e-mail. Motion was approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Peggy Gardner/Sandy Patton Thanks to John for all the work he does on the budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **May 9 General Membership Meeting-Feedback**

Gerry thanked Bud for the great pictures he has taken of PPSPERA events and for capturing the history of the organization in this manner. Bud has created displays of the pictures to be shown and admired at each of the membership meetings. The consensus was that it was a good meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The plaques were done by Joe and were very nice. Alan and Gerry did a great job presenting the service awards and Charlotte did well with the scholarship presentation. Leonard Nelson did his usual good job of installing the newly elected officers. Gerry thanked all people who were involved in making this a successful meeting.

### **August 8 Picnic-Planning**

The location of the August 8 picnic will be the Westside Community Center. It will be held from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. Board members plan to arrive at 10:00 am to help set up. Terri will organize the food by alpha groups and this information will go out with the registration form. The form will be mailed in a flyer to go out approximately July 10<sup>th</sup>. The information and the form will also be included in the next newsletter. Also to be included on the registration form are directions to Westside Community Center and suggestions for parking. Joyce will be responsible for bringing supplies including plates, plasticware, tablecloths, etc. The sound system is on site. John will be responsible for the drinks. Alan suggested that some of the board be outside the building to help direct people where to go. Michelle Wolfe of Kaiser Permanente will be attending and will pay the rent for the facility. Greg Smith and Carole Wright of PERA will be on the program. Jake Henderson and Brian Morgan of AMBA will be attending. It is not yet determined whether the scholarship recipient, Brittany McClain, and the Girl's State recipient will be able to attend. LuAnn will check with Joe to see if a banner can be printed and available to use at the August picnic.

### **May 15 & 16 CSPERA Meetings**

Bud Lehmkuhl was PPSPERA's voting delegate to the CSPERA annual meeting. Bud reported that it was a great meeting with CSPERA moving toward using invoices for dues of members who pay by check. CSPERA has developed and adopted a Strategic Plan that will include branding and marketing. Sandy Patton, president of CSPERA, reported that most

local units were represented at the meeting. CSPERA has a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter. Sandy reported that the program for the conference was outstanding. There was a session on Laughter similar to the presentation that PPSPERA had at a general membership meeting. Greg Smith of PERA spoke to issues and challenges facing PERA. A panel addressed the Affordable Health Care Act and how it affects PERACare. Carole Wright, CSPERA Retirement Chair and PERA Board of Trustees, spoke of the people and groups attacking PERA benefits and the PERA structure. Walker Stapleton, state treasurer, is being used to fight the School Finance Act. There seem to be two groups emerging that look to be dangerous. The Arnold Foundation and The PEW Trust are targeting defined benefits and seem to be in favor of a cash balance plan. These presentations led to discussion about what to do about these enemies. The coalition of eight groups within the state will soon start refuting Walker Stapleton's campaign. The coalition will pay attention to the Metro Chamber of Commerce which is developing a business plan which could possibly become an initiative. The Coalition is looking at targeting active people with information. PERA will be training new ambassadors. There are legislators who are supportive of PERA. These legislators need our support. Gerry inquired when a good time to host a Coalition meeting might be. She will contact Lynea Hansen to try to find a date. Sandy reported that CSPERA will be the retiree network for the Coalition. The next CSPERA board meeting is October 9, 2013. CSPERA Legislative Forum is October 10, 2013.

### **Scholarship Renewal Status**

Gerry noted that two scholarships have been budgeted for next year. This year the scholarship was almost completely supported by donations. In the absence of both Barbara and Charlotte, Gerry will follow up on the second year renewal support. A motion was approved to authorize Barb and Charlotte to move forward on the renewal provided qualifications are met. Bud/Meredith

### **2013-2014 Membership Dues and Invoices**

LuAnn opened the discussion on sending invoices for membership renewals. John stated that sending a first class envelop with a return addressed envelop inside would cost approximately \$180. A motion was approved to send an invoice in September to members who have

not renewed with a return self addressed envelop included.  
Peggy/Sandy. This new practice will be announced at the August picnic.

### **Volunteer Hours to CSPERA**

Roger reported the volunteer hours for the first quarter were 4732 hours. This report was sent to CSPERA. The form for reporting hours will be in the newsletter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2013-2014 Newsletter**

Alan sent out an e-mail informing people of the articles that were needed for the next newsletter. The deadline for the articles is Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be copies of the newsletter available at the picnic.

### **2013-2014 Calendar of Meetings**

Here are the tentative dates for the General Membership Meetings.

November 7, 2013

February 13, 2014

May 8, 2014

These dates are tentatively held at Westside Community Center.

### **2013-2014 General Membership Meetings**

Gerry reported that Alan, LuAnn, Terri and Gerry had met to check out the facilities at Westside Community Center. It will hold more than 100 people. District 11 Food Services will provide breakfast/brunch. It will be throw away service items. The cost will be approximately \$10/person for a comparable brunch to Valley Hi. There is a rental fee of \$35/hour. AV equipment is available. Discussion followed regarding the charge for the brunch. The cost will be determined by the co-presidents upon consideration of all expenses.

### **Board Meeting Sites update for 2013-2014**

LuAnn announced the dates of the board meetings to be the third Thursday of the month in September, October, January, March, April, June. LuAnn checked many facilities and came up with La Baguette on Chestnut for the board meetings. She will sign a 2 year contract.

**Topics and Speakers for General Membership Meetings**

Gerry is open to suggestions

**2013-2014 Board of Directors**

This roster will be sent electronically.

Gerry adjourned the meeting at 11:07 am

**Respectfully submitted**

Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary

**Thursday, August 8, 2013  
PPSPERA PICNIC  
Westside Community Center  
11 am (Board to arrive at 10 am)**