

PPSPERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Egg and I
9:00 am.

Present: LuAnn Long, Elaine Naleski, John Kerr, Judy McCormick, Charlotte Brummer, Terri Stevens, Meredith Jobe, Roger Louden, Karen Hart, Alan Rasmussen, Joyce Schmaltz, Terry Alley, Jennifer Alley, Sandy Patton, June George, Joe Morin, Peggy Gardner

Absent: Gerry Olvey, Naomi Lehmkuhl, Bud Lehmkuhl, Barbara Watt

The meeting was called to order by LuAnn Long, co-president, at 9:00 am.

Approval of October 17, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes: Meredith noted that instead of Stephanie Wallace, the name should be changed to Bethany Wallace. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes. It passed. Sandy/Charlotte.

Approval of November 7, 2014 General Membership Meeting Minutes: Meredith requested that the last sentence in the Welcome paragraph be removed from the minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed. June/Alan

Additions/Approval of Agenda: It was requested that a legislative update, a website update, a CSPERA report and a coalition update be added to the agenda. A motion was made and seconded to approve the amended agenda. The motion passed. Meredith/Karen

Treasurer's Report: John noted that in order to not have a fee charged for a deposit of over 100 checks per month at the credit union that the deposit will have to be made to the savings account and then transferred to checking. The total in the treasury is \$18,408.81. There is now a website charge of \$15/month for Constant Contact. A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. It passed. Peggy/Alan.

OLD BUSINESS:

November 7th General Membership Meeting Feedback: There were several suggestions for improvements. The food had arrived too early, there was not enough food, coffee was short and there was no tea. Terri met with Brian from Food Services and the problems should be corrected for next time. The facility was cold. Alan will take care of that. It was noted that the facility is accessible.

February 13th General Membership Meeting: LuAnn reported that the guest presenter at the meeting will be Paul Gesterling, Development Director for the Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum. His presentation will be approximately 30 minutes. Also on the program will be information from the Scholarship Committee, the Awards Committee, Roger Loudon concerning volunteer hours, and Sandy Patton presenting a PERA update as well as a CSPERA update. Meredith requested that anyone interested in becoming involved in the organization and perhaps running for the board to contact her. Meredith would like this announced at the General Membership Meeting.

Pre-Retirement Meeting: Terry and Jennifer reported that the meeting will be held at Tesla Center on Thursday, April 3, 2014 from 4:00-6:00 pm. LuAnn shared the program from last year and other board members suggested selling tables to groups like AMBA PERA donates \$100 for the meeting. Alan volunteered to take pictures at the meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend. An article should be written for the next newsletter. Elaine will help with PR. Sandy will attend representing CSPERA.

August 2014 Picnic: Westside Community Center had a problem with the first date suggested, so August 21, 2014 was the date chosen. The hall will be requested for 11:00am. to 2:00pm. The event will begin at 11:30am. Terri will reserve the facility. LuAnn will follow up on obtaining speakers from PERA, Greg Smith if available. Carole Wright will be invited. Nancy Carlson from CSPERA will be invited as well. CSPERA will pay her expenses to attend.

Membership Update: Karen reported 208 paid members. There were 72 non-renewals. There are 8 members over 90 years old. Karen will send out reminders to non-renewals by mail.

Newsletter: Alan reported that having the lay-out and process done at the print shop went very smoothly. However, there were several members who did not receive the newsletter in any form-not hard copy nor electronic copy. Joe will look into the problem. Alan will e-mail the board members in March to check if the problem has been alleviated. The next newsletter will go out March 1, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS:

PPSPERABoard 2014-2015: The past-president of the organization is responsible for presenting a slate of nominees for the up-coming election. Meredith announced that the positions of president-elect and secretary will be up for election. She encouraged anyone who was interested or who knew of someone who might be interested should let her know.

Website Update: Joe reported that a few tweaks have been made to the website and that it is going well with things up-to-date. The newsletter is on the website. Thanks to Joe for all his work.

Budget for 2014: In the budget for 2014 the following items are listed: Two scholarships of \$1500 each

One scholarship renewal of \$500

Two scholarships to Girls State of \$150 each

Donation to Crystal Apple of \$100.

Charlotte made a motion, seconded by Peggy to keep the budget items as stated. The motion carried.

2014 Scholarships process/due dates: Charlotte reported that scholarship letters will be sent to principals, counselors, superintendents in the area school districts on February 14th, 2014. The applications for the scholarships will be due March 31 and will be read April 2. The winners will be notified April 4th and invited to the General Membership Meeting on May 7th. The letter to the previous year's recipient with the application for a second year renewal will be sent May 7th. The letters will be sent by both e-mail and regular mail. It was suggested that the application be posted on the website.

Community & Distinguished Service Awards: Roger noted that there was an article in the newsletter concerning these awards as well as a nomination form. The nominations are due March 1, 2014 and will be decided at the March board meeting. Roger had another article in the newsletter in which he translated volunteer hours from PPSPERA into money. It is truly amazing. Roger will speak at the next meeting and have the forms available.

PERA Ambassadors: Peggy reported that early in December she was asked to set up a meeting with legislator Bill Cadman. She was unable to make contact. Terry related a similar experience with a different legislator. Sandy reported that she had made a contact and she and John Morris met with legislator Pete Lee. She and Sandi Yukman also met with legislator Bernie Herpin. Sandy noted that there is more training coming up for the present ambassadors as well as anyone who would like to become trained.

CSPERA, Legislative Forum, Coalition: Sandy reported that all members of CSPERA with e-mail addresses will be receiving an electronic survey for the purpose of discovering how CSPERA is perceived. Elaine has been working on this in her position on the CSPERA Board. Focus groups will be formed through local units to recommend the next level of activity based upon the results of the survey. The Legislative Forum will be held on September 18, 2014. There will be a CSPERA Board meeting on September 17th. These meetings will be held at The Doubletree Aurora at I-25 and Iliff. The CSPERA conference will be May 22, 2014 in Fort Collins. Sandy spoke of the first bill introduced into the legislature that affects PERA. In order to

retire with full benefits new hires will have to be 65 and have taught 30 years. Anticipate at least 9 bills to be introduced. Anticipate an initiative attempt to be made this fall.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, March 20, 2014-9:00am- The Egg and I.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 am.

**Respectfully submitted;
Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary**