

PPSPERA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, April 17, 2014

Egg and I

9:00 am

PRESENT: Gerry Olvey, LuAnn Long, John Kerr, Joyce Schmaltz, Alan Rasmussen, Terri Stevens, Peggy Gardner, Karen Hart, Barbara Watt, Sandy Patton, Roger Louden, Charlotte Brummer

ABSENT; Terry and Jennifer Alley, Judy McCormick, Elaine Naleski, Meredith Jobe, Joe Morin, Bud Lehmkuhl, Naomi Lehmkuhl, June George

Approval of March 20, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes: A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes. Sandy/Alan

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Additions to the agenda were:

PERA Dollars: Alan

Action in the Legislature: Sandy

Membership Strategies:

A motion was made to approve the agenda with the additions. The motion was seconded and passed. Peggy/Barbara

Treasurer's Report:

John reported that the present balance in the treasury is \$18,491.37. The budgeted money looks adequate for the remainder of the year. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report. Karen/Barbara

OLD BUSINESS:

Pre-Retirement Meeting: Terry and Jennifer were unable to attend today's meeting, so results and feedback will be on a future agenda. The group did have some feedback. There were people from Utilities and the City as well as people from educational groups attending. The format of the meeting worked well. The breakout groups were a great idea. Some attendees are still working so changing the time to accommodate them should be considered.

Attendance was good but continued effort should be made to attract more groups covered by PERA. Fort Collins has a similar program and suggested definitely have PERA participate but put them later in the program.

May 8 General Membership Meeting: Terri noted that old renewal dates for membership were showing up on the recent mailings sent to the membership. Karen is to ask the print shop to update the database. Terri will check with catering to confirm the date and the menu She also confirmed with Westside Community Center. Roger will present the Service Award plaque to Colleen Weis. The two scholarships will be awarded. John will conduct elections and John will present the proposed budget. Alan will install the officers.

2014 Scholarship Update: Barbara and Charlotte reported that two winners have been chosen from a field of 12 applicants to receive the Wayne Bricker and Bill Brandenburg scholarships. The winners are Maelynn Weaver of Discovery Canyon Campus High School and Ashleigh Elsner of Air Academy High School. Both girls are very well qualified and will be awarded a \$1500 scholarship at the May 8th meeting. Barbara and Charlotte will present the scholarships.

August 21, 2014 Picnic: Westside Community Center is the site of the picnic. The date has been confirmed. The board members will provide the main course. Terri will get out the flyer for the meeting. LuAnn will confirm a speaker from PERA. Nancy Carlson, CSPERA Out Reach Chair will be attending. The Center is reserved for 11:00am to 2:00pm.

2014-2015 Board Members: Meredith sent the slate of nominees. They are Secretary: Joyce Schmaltz, President-elect: vacant. Gerry urged everyone to try to think of a viable candidate for president-elect. Gerry also reported that if present board members had not asked to be excused from the board, she assumed that they would continue in their position.

NEW BUSINESS:

CSPERA Meeting May 21 & May 22, 2014: These meetings will be held in Fort Collins at the Marriott. Sandy, Peggy, and Alan will be attending the meeting from PPSPERA. Peggy is our voting delegate. Sandy will be passing the presidential gavel to Tom Tonoli. The program is strong with speakers including Greg Smith, Carole Wright, and Lynea Hansen.

CSPERA Volunteer Hours: Roger reported 8,573 volunteer hours for 2013 for PPSPERA. John suggested that volunteer hours could be collected by sending an e-mail to each member before and after each General Membership meeting that would encourage people to return the e-mail to Roger with their current hours. We need to be more pro-active about getting each member's e-mail to make this work. The only publicity for this activity is the presentation of a check to the state legislature that is a mock for the amount of money the volunteer hours represent.

Newsletter: Alan gave the date of the next newsletter: July 1, 2014. Discussion followed regarding possible changes to the newsletter. Sandy suggested that it be shorter and sent out more frequently. John noted that if would come regularly(monthly) things like a thermometer keeping track of scholarship money could be included. There could be membership recruitment in every issue. Legislative articles could be included. Peggy suggested introducing a board member each issue. High-lighting a volunteer with the most hours could be an article.

In order to improve our e-mail database, Gerry will write a letter urging people to send PPSPERA their e-mail so that we can improve communication with our membership. LuAnn will send thank you notes to the people who reply with their e-mail. This request will also be placed in the newsletter.

PERA Dollars: Alan handed out dollars that are to be left with people from whom you purchase a product or a service to show how much money PERA recipients spend in the community and thereby contribute to the economy. This activity is being co-sponsored by PERA and Secure/PERA. The goal is to introduce the state to who PERA is.

Legislation: Sandy reported that Rep. Ferrandino has introduced a bill that has been referred to committee that will create a 13-member task force to study a private sector retirement system that would look similar to PERA. The bill seems to have bi-partisan support. CSPERA endorsed the bill. E-mail the Business Committee to show your support. The Memorial Hospital issue is not yet settled.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50am.

General Membership Meeting: May 8, 2014; Westside Community Center; 9:00am.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 9:00am at Egg & I.

Respectfully Submitted;
Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary