

PPSPERA Board of Directors Meeting
March 19, 2015
9:00 AM
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Present: Elaine Naleski, LuAnn Long, Jan King, Pam Berry, Charlotte Brummer, Barbara Watt, Sandy Patton, Terri Stevens, Karen Hart, John Kerr, Judy McCormick, Peggy Gardner, Roger Louden, Joyce Schmaltz

Absent: Joe Morin, Alan Rasmussen, Gerry Olvey, Carole Carlsen, Terry Alley, Jennifer Alley, June George

Call to Order: Co-President Naleski called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Sandy, seconded by Charlotte to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 board meeting. It passed. A motion was made by John, seconded by Charlotte to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 Winter Membership Meeting. The motion passed.

Additions/Approval of the Agenda: A motion was approved to accept the Agenda. Sandy/Peggy

Treasurer's Report: John Kerr noted that three more members are needed to get out of the red. Elaine stated that she would work on that. John received information from Girls State that the fee for attending has increased. Sponsoring each girl will be \$175 or \$350 for two scholarships. He asked for permission to change that line item in the budget. Pam made a motion to amend the budget for Girls State by an additional \$50. Barb seconded the motion that passed. John reported that more money was collected for the lunches for the past two membership meetings than the lunches actually cost. The amounts in excess were \$23.90 and \$53.66 as indicated in the treasurer's report. The Olive Garden is no longer accepting checks. John will use the PPSPERA credit card. John deposits money into savings account and then transfers to checking to avoid the fee. John reported that PPSPERA does not have to file tax forms as it is under the CSPERA umbrella. He has contacted David Hesli to do a review of the treasurer's records. A motion was made and carried to accept the treasurer's report. Sandy/Pam.

Old Business:

Historian: There was no report from Pam Berry.

General Membership Meeting April 30, 2015:

Jan King will have more information from the presenter on identity theft before the next board meeting. LuAnn has brochures available for the meeting. The presenter will have between 20 and 30 minutes. The meeting will also have Election/Installation of Officers; the New Budget/Treasurer's Report; presentation

of by-laws and standing rules changes with a vote on the changes to follow, presentation of the Wayne Bricker/Bill Brandenburg Scholarships; presentation of the Distinguished Service Award; an update on the state meeting.

Electronic Communication: Elaine reported for Joe Morin that the website is up to date.

Legislative Update: Peggy reported that SB 15-80 was defeated. Other bills concerning PERA are still in the making. SB 16-097 Eligibility of Supplemental Needs Trust supported by PERA. SB 15-133 Compensation Report prepared by the state Personal Director opposed by PERA; SB 15-1235 Retirement Security Task Force not yet discussed by the PERA Board; SB 15-1251 Determines DPS contribution – PERA neutral. If you would like to know more about these bills contact Peggy or Sandy. Peggy is resigning as CSPERA Board Representative. She will continue to help Sandy with the Legislative committee.

CSPERA: Sandy reported that plans for the State Conference in May are set. She needs volunteers from PPSPERA to help stuff packets on May 19th, assist at the meeting on Wednesday, May 20th and assist with the annual conference on Thursday, May 21st. The local group needs to be hosts and hostesses. Unless she hears differently members of the board will be put on the volunteer list. Two of the main speakers will be Greg Smith and Carol Hedges. Rooms at The Doubletree are \$89/night including breakfast. April 20, 2015 is the reservation deadline.

Volunteer Hours: Roger reported that only 10 people reported volunteer hours to him for the last quarter. He would like to include places that people volunteer and list the information in the newsletter and on the website. Elaine encouraged us to aim for 100% of the PPSPERA Board to get their hours to Roger who may be reached by phone, by e-mail and by mail.

2015 Scholarships: Barbara and Charlotte indicated they had received two applications for scholarships. The deadline is March 31, 2015. Changing the date of the scholarship application process was discussed. Charlotte inquired if changes on the process should be done now. The board gave the committee freedom to do what they felt comfortable with. This will be brought to the membership on April 30th.

Community and Distinguished Service Awards: Roger reported that Elaine had nominated a person for the Distinguished Service Award. He read the qualifications to the board. The recipient will be determined at the April 16th board meeting. The winner will be presented at the April 30th meeting.

Pre-retirement Seminar: Terry Alley was out of town. Elaine reported in his absence that the agenda is set. She will send the agenda and flyer to her list of PR people and will send an e-mail to the board. Terry will send to his contacts.

Nominating Committee: Gerry Olvey was not present to report. John Kerr has agreed to run as treasurer. Sandy Patton will run as CSPERA Representative. Elaine Naleski and Jan King will be do-presidents. The position for President-elect is still open. Elaine will contact Gerry concerning the open position.

By-laws Revision: Elaine presented the By-laws and the Standing Rules with the revisions red-lined. She noted that the documents had been proofread by Sharon Kerr as well as the Executive Committee. She urged everyone to check through the By-laws and the Standing Rules especially those for your committee. Let her know of any changes or corrections that are found. The changes to the By-laws will be voted on at the General Membership meeting on April 30th.

Membership: Karen reported one new member for a total of 221. There are five members over 90 years old. Sixty-seven members did not re-new. Karen will mail some brochures to some of the non-renewals.

New Business:

2015-2016 Budget: John presented the proposed budget for 2015-2016. A few changes have been made. The line item for lunches has been decreased. The treasurer's expense was increased to include an audit. He presented a balanced budget. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the proposed budget. Charlotte/Jan

Transfer of Excess Funds Within Budget: John made a motion seconded by Elaine that money collected above lunch actual cost will automatically be put into the scholarship fund. The motion passed.

Summer Meeting: Elaine requested an informal discussion regarding having a summer meeting instead of a summer picnic. Sandy felt it was time for a change. She suggested putting the focus on the new retirees and to make it fun. Make sure other groups as well as educators be invited. The Pre-retirement Seminar on April 9th might give some possible people to invite. Karen will be at the seminar with flyers and have a table set up to promote membership. She will also have a sign-in sheet. Elaine will ask Terry to have a sign-in sheet with names, addresses, phone and e-mail addresses. Sandy suggested a happy hour with snacks someplace like Patty Jewett possibly in June or July. LuAnn suggested June 11th at 4:00 pm and it would be advertized in the newsletter.

Other New Business and Announcements:

Thursday, August 13th was chosen for the first membership meeting of the year.

Jan King suggested that the program include Elliot Goldbaum as a speaker giving an overview of the ambassador's program. Sandy noted that if the traditional PERA speakers such as Greg Smith were to be invited they need to be invited soon.

It was decided to have Greg Smith from PERA at the November Membership Meeting.

The Girls State Reps that PPSPERA sponsored will be invited to the August meeting.

It was requested that the co-presidents give next years calendar to the board and put it into the newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Next board meeting - April 16, 2015.

Respectfully submitted;
Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary