

Minutes of PPSPERA August Membership Meeting  
Thursday, August 13, 2015 – 11:30 a.m.  
Olive Garden

Elaine Naleski conducting.

Elaine welcomed the attendees and requested additions to or approval of the agenda. June George moved that the agenda be approved, Charlotte Brummer seconded, and the agenda was approved.

John Kerr gave the treasurer's report. The expected ending balance will be \$12,049.36. Luann Long moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Pam Berry and the report was then approved.

Elaine announced the next four membership meetings: November 12, 2015, February 11, 2016, and May 12, 2016, all at Olive Garden, and August 11, 2016, at the new library in the café upstairs.

Jan King reported on the CSPERA meeting held in Colorado Springs in May. She said it was an excellent meeting. Carol Hedges from CDOT spoke about PERA bonds, a plan that did not pass in the legislature. PERA Executive Director Greg Smith spoke about how well PERA investments are doing. (The report is on the PERA website.) Jan reminded us to pay attention when the legislature is in session. She said there were several good letters to the editor in the Gazette recently. Elaine stated that she learned so much at the state meetings. Also we need to attend when they are held in Colorado Springs; if we don't have good attendance, the meetings may only be held in Denver.

Karen Hart reported our current membership is 224. The new membership brochures are ready and some were distributed with encouragement for us to help recruit new members. Membership can be paid for more than one year at a time. Donations to the scholarship fund can also be made at the same time. Elaine said invoices will probably be sent out again; if you receive an invoice and you've already paid, just ignore it.

The happy hour that was planned did not happen because we couldn't find a place to have it, Elaine said. Patty Jewett wanted over \$500 for a room there. We checked all over with no luck. We may just announce a social get-together and not have our own room or hors d'oeuvres.

Elaine talked about the State Legislative forum coming up September 22 in Denver. Handouts with a registration form were provided. Registration deadline is September 15. Deadline for room registration at the CSPERA negotiated rate is August 31. Elaine stated that PERA is in peril. People who make lots of money from investment fees want our money to invest and will continue trying to get it. If they succeed we'll be out of luck. Elaine said the forum was very informative last year. She and Jan will report to us after this year's forum.

Connie Stanton presented Stress Busters!, a very interesting and enjoyable program offering physical, mental, social, emotional and spiritual stress reduction strategies. Thank you, Connie! Now we can all relax and take better care of ourselves!

District 11 Special Education has a few positions open and would love to work with retirees to fill the positions. Contact Gerry Olvey if you are interested.

Elaine announced that there are four open seats on the District 11 Board of Education. Good people who really care about kids are needed to run for those seats.

Meeting closed about 1:30.

A special thanks to Barbara Watt who took the minutes of this meeting.