

PPSPERA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, October 15, 2015
Egg and I
9:00am

Present: LuAnn Long, Karen Hart, Judy McCormick, John Kerr, Jan King, Elaine Naleski, Pam Berry, June George, Joyce Schmaltz, Charlotte Brummer, Barbara Watt, Jennifer Alley, Terry Alley, Roger Loudon, Sandy Patton

Absent: Alan Rasmussen, Joe Morin, Terri Stevens

Call to Order: Elaine Naleski, co-president, called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Approval of Minutes:

June 18, 2015 Board Meeting: Luann Long/Barbara Watt, minutes approved.

August 13, 2015 General Membership Meeting: Charlotte Brummer, Judy McCormick, minutes approved.

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Elaine changed the date of the next board meeting listed on the agenda to January 21, 2016. A motion was made and approved to accept the amended agenda: Karen/Jan.

Treasurer's Report: John Kerr handed out the report for 8/31/15. He explained that this is the final report that will be reviewed by the CPA next week. He pointed out that the scholarship donations were \$1912 short of the projected budget item. This may need to be addressed in a future meeting. He also noted that the cost involving printing of the newsletter, the membership brochure and other printing has been donated by School District 11. The item needs to be kept in the budget in case the donation does not continue. He suggested a thank you letter be sent to SD#11 thanking them for the donation. Elaine will send a thank you letter. The balance as of 8/31/2015 was \$15,274.81.

A motion was made and approved to accept the Budget Report of 8/31/2015: Charlotte/LuAnn.

John then addressed the 10/13/15 report. The certificate needs to be renewed for next year. John asked people to consider possibilities for giving scholarships for next year. Do we want to give fewer or smaller scholarships, have a fundraiser to increase our scholarship fund, or take money from the certificate? He would like this on the next agenda.

A motion was made and approved to accept the 10/13/15 treasurer's report. LuAnn/Judy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pre-retirement: Terry reported that everything is set for the meeting to be held April 14, 2016 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm at Tesla Center. The program will be similar to last. The program was very successful with 140 attending many of whom were non-teachers. PERA paid for part of the refreshments and AMBA's share is to be collected. Both of these groups will support the program again in 2016.

Historian's Report: No report.

August 13, 2015 General Membership Meeting: It was reported that the program presented by Connie Stanton received lots of positive comments. It was crowded and it was suggested that the larger room be requested at the venue for the next meeting.

Happy Hours: Elaine reported that nothing has been done. LuAnn suggested that the new Paninos might be a possibility. Elaine will check on it.

November 12, 2015 Meeting: Elaine reported that a key issue had come up at the October CSPERA meeting that the officers attending thought should be discussed at the November Membership Meeting. CSPERA is considering changing the structure of the state organization. The proposal is to have dues for state and local collected by the state at one time and have the local portion passed on from the single dues collection. This would allow for a payroll deduction from PERA payments. PPSPERA is presently under the umbrella of the state organization that takes care of filing taxes with the IRS. This saves our organization a lot of work. Elaine would like to use the November

meeting to get feedback from the membership on this proposal as it is now at the discussion level. Sandy would be willing to take questions via e-mail regarding combined membership. Elaine asked if anyone objected to doing this discussion in lieu of the previously planned program. There were no objections.

Membership: Karen reported 80 paid members PPSPERA doesn't have e-mail addresses for a majority of members. Karen will send Elaine and Sandy the spreadsheet of who has joined. There seemed to be a question about what happened with the mailing for renewing memberships. A meeting will be set up with Karen, Elaine and Joe to get the glitches figured out.

Newsletter: The newsletter went out. No further report.

Volunteer Hours:

Roger reported that he had heard from 6 people so far. One who reported included volunteer hours from the past: the total was 8000 hours for her. Overall total 10,068 hours. Roger encouraged everyone to get hours in.

2016 Scholarship: No report.

Community and Distinguished Service Awards: Roger has received no nominations so far. He will write a notice for the newsletter.

Legislative Update: Sandy reported that much of the legislation that appeared last session will reappear. There is a movement for a constitutional amendment to outlaw Defined Benefit Plans. There are opponents trying to shoot holes in the independent, unbiased report that has recently come out. 2016 seems to be a target year for legislation because of the national elections. The projected income for next year is not looking positive. There probably will not be a 2% raise.

Elaine mentioned the up-coming school board elections noting that there is a reform slate that has shown up in several school districts. Where they have been elected part of their agenda seems to involve attacking PERA. This doesn't just affect educators but anyone who is in the PERA system. The problem seems to be apathy. People seem to feel

“My retirement is going to be there.” Be alert, be pro-active. Outside money comes in to support some of the reform candidates. David Serota, a speaker at the recent CSPERA conference and an expert on pension plans, stated that pension systems are not going broke.

CSPERA Board and Legislative Conference: Sandy stated this conference was one of the best she has attended. The speakers were excellent. CSPERA is forming a task force representing all parts of the state to gather pros and cons for unified membership. There are chair positions on the CSPERA Board if you would like to get involved. Elaine felt that it was an invigorating legislative conference. She pointed out that anyone is welcome to attend. Jan picked some ideas about communications that she shared. Putting a small ad in the neighborhood papers regarding PPSPERA is one idea. Communicate one-to-one and have a brochure handy to give to anyone interested. Sandy reported that Elaine gave an excellent presentation on a communications plan for CSPERA. Sandy said that the most successful membership recruitment in the state worked by getting a list of all retirees and following up with that list.

Jan had some things to share with the public. There are new PERA bucks to be left with businesses or anyone with information about how PERA affects the economy. She also had some cards with talking points on them. She passed them out to the board.

An e-mail had been received from Meredith Jobe requesting time at a meeting to talk about PILLAR. Sandy moved to invite PILLAR to give a 15-minute presentation at the November 12th meeting. Jan seconded the motion which passed. Elaine will e-mail Meredith.

Jan suggested a possible meeting place after experiencing a science presentation at 515 Manitou Ave. Here you can rent a space to make things like 3-D models or other items that require machines to make. She also mentioned 21c branch library.

The meeting was adjourned by Elaine at 11:00 am.

Respectfully Submitted;
Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: NOVEMBER 12TH AT OLIVE GARDEN

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 21,2016 AT EGG & I.