

PPSPERA Board Meeting, March 17, 2016, The Egg and I Restaurant, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Members present: Elaine Naleski, Jan King, June George, Karen Hart, Charlotte Brummer, Pam Berry, Alan Rasmussen, Terri Stevens, LuAnn Long, John Kerr, and Barbara Watt.

Members absent: Terry Alley, Jennifer Alley, Joyce Schmaltz, Judy McCormick, Roger Loudon, Sandy Patton, and Joe Morin.

Elaine Naleski, co-president, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of January 21, 2016, Board Meeting minutes: June George/Jan King. Minutes were approved.

Approval of February 11, 2016, Membership Meeting minutes: June George/Karen Hart. Minutes were approved.

Approval of today's agenda: Jan King/Alan Rasmussen. Agenda was approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Kerr reported that current account balances total \$17,444.22, our budget requirements total \$6,813.91, leaving a projected year-end balance of \$10,630.31. The amount donated for the scholarship fund so far this year is \$1,014. Alan wondered if more donations might be made if we had a little donation form with the hats for donors to make a record of their donations for tax purposes. John will make some forms for that purpose. Charlotte moved and June seconded motion to accept the treasurer's report; the motion passed.

Pre-retirement – 2016: Terry Alley was absent. Elaine reported on his behalf that everything is ready. Terry will send out reminders after spring break. Elaine will contact Terry about getting the flyer for pre-retirement. Elaine will send reminders to the school districts. CSEA will also send reminders to potential attendees. The pre-retirement meeting is scheduled for April 14 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Tesla.

February 11 General Membership meeting: This was a good meeting with a valuable handout showing the percent of income members can receive at retirement and a very good speaker, Elliott Goldbaum. Karen will ask Terry to request copies of those handouts from PERA for the pre-retirement meeting.

Membership Report: Karen reported that 144 members renewed and 83 have not renewed. It is agreed that the \$12 membership dues received from now to the end of the membership year will include the remainder of this year as well as the next year. There still seems to be confusion about state membership and local membership; people who have joined one think they have joined both. This is one reason unified membership would be a good idea. Karen would like to know how to contact people who retired from Memorial Hospital.

Nominating Committee: Nothing new to report. The Southern Colorado representatives are expected to do the installation of officers. LuAnn will contact them to make sure they are planning to attend the May meeting. The election and installation of officers will take place at the May Membership Meeting. Jan and Rose will be the co-presidents. LuAnn will do outreach.

Elaine will be past-president and will work with LuAnn. Terri will ask Linda Thompson to fill her position at Program; she will help her successor learn the position.

Newsletter: Alan thanked Karen for staying on top of current membership list for newsletter mailings. Karen reported that she is unable to get Marie's name off the email form she uses to send the membership list to the print shop. Alan suggested that Joe may be able to help. Alan also thanked the print shop for the excellent job they do for us. Bad news is that many people didn't receive the recent newsletter which was a two-page edition about the community service award and a nomination form for that award. There will be a one-page edition April 1 about the pre-retirement meeting and one April 21 regarding the May 12 membership meeting.

Volunteer Hours: Roger was absent. Elaine stressed the importance of sending our volunteer hours to Roger so he can report them to the state organization.

2016 Scholarships: Barbara reported that the scholarship letters went out the week of February 8, to 35 schools, two letters to each school: one to the principal and one to the senior counselor. Charlotte reported that no applications have been received yet. The deadline is March 31. Since the spring membership meeting is scheduled for May again this year we can anticipate that there will be scheduling conflicts for the scholarship recipients who will likely have AP exams at the same time. The scholarship committee plans to read the applications on or about April 6. The winners will be notified promptly and will be announced in the newsletter.

Community and Distinguished Service Awards: Elaine reported that Roger has received no nominations. She will nominate someone.

Legislative Update: Jan reported on the following legislative update.

A bill has passed the state legislature requiring divestment of securities based on political considerations; this could impact PERA investments. Federal legislation called the Public Employees Pension Transparency Act would require all state pension plans to have a second audit; this would be unfair as it would cost PERA extra money to pay for it. Local state representative Owen Hill had glowing things to say about PERA.

CSPERA Board/Unified Membership: Elaine said a meeting is scheduled for April 6. The Unified Membership Committee is gathering information. Nothing is likely to happen before next year.

May 12 General Membership Meeting: As previously discussed we will have the election and installation of officers. The scholarship winners will be invited to attend and receive their scholarships. The Community and Distinguished Awards will be presented. We will not have any additions to the program. People who attend have said they would like to have time to visit. Board members support changing to every other month membership meetings.

Meeting Location for Next Year: Jan, Rose and Elaine will meet with our new venue at Old Chicago Austin Bluffs, where a large room is available and \$15 registration will cover costs. They will plan a menu selection and see if we can have our May meeting there. Everything is getting set up for our August membership meeting at Library 21C.

Pam made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Elaine seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Watt for Joyce Schmaltz.