

**Minutes of PPSPERA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 2016, 9:00 AM, Egg & I**

Present: John Kerr, Terry Alley, Jennifer Alley, Karen Hart, Roger Louden, Alan Rasmussen, June George, Judy McCormick, Charlotte Brummer, Jan King, Rose Enyeart, Elaine Naleski,, and Barbara Watt.

Absent: Joe Morin, Sandy Patton, LuAnn Long, Joyce Schmaltz, Pam Berry and Terri Stevens.

Elaine Naleski, co-president, called the meeting to order at 9:14.

Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2016, Board Meeting: John/Alan, minutes approved.

Additions/Approval of Agenda: Barbara/Charlotte, agenda approved.

Treasurer's Report: John distributed copies of receipts, deposit and reimbursement forms he created as agreed last month. He will add a place for donor's name on the receipt form. We still need scholarship donations and increased membership to meet our budget. Expenses will soon be coming in. Current account balances \$17,500.22. Budget requirements total \$6,813.91.

Terry/Karen, report approved.

John reported that Girls State is requesting more money to fund two girls. The cost per girl is now \$200, so two girls would be \$400. Elaine then requested that we raise the donation for Crystal Apple to \$200, which is what we gave them a few years ago. The board voted to change Girls' State to \$400 and Crystal Apple to \$200. John will send them the money this year.

Alan/Jan, changes approved.

Pre-retirement Seminar Debrief: Terry and Jennifer reported that the Pre-retirement Seminar sponsored by PPSPERA was held on April 14 at the Tesla Center. Eighty employees from District 11, Colorado Springs Utilities and the City of Colorado Springs attended. The group was welcomed by PPSPERA Co-Chairs Elaine Naleski and Jan King. PPSPERA President Elect Rose Enyeart explained SecurePERA to the group. Jake Henderson was present representing AMBA and he reviewed their services and the relationship with PERA. Terry Alley gave a presentation on the emotional and social aspects of retirement. Colorado PERA Regional Representative Aimee Taylor explained the PERA retirement process and answered many questions from the group. The seminar concluded with a break-out session for the attendees with the benefits specialist from their organization. PERA paid for the refreshments. Barbara stated that there was not a word about the seminar on the PPSPERA website. Elaine will follow up on that. Elaine will check out how to get things on the calendar in the *Gazette*. Alan and Karen will contact attendees about PPSPERA membership.

May 12 General Membership Meeting: Jan and Elaine reported that the meeting will be at Old Chicago at Academy and Austin Bluffs at 11:30. Alan will conduct the installation of officers. The Distinguished Service Award will be presented by Roger. Charlotte and Barbara will present the scholarships.

June 16 Board Meeting: Rose listed dates for board meetings for the next year. They are September 15 and October 20, 2016, and January 19, March 16, May 18 and July 20, 2017. These dates will be in the newsletter. The board members will be asked to get newsletter articles

to Alan within five days after a board meeting. We will have six newsletters per year. Alan, Jan and Rose will meet and decide on dates for the newsletters.

August 11 General Membership Meeting at the new library, Library 21C: Jan said we will have lunch and a tour of the facility. General membership meetings for the next year are November 10, 2016, and February 9, April 13, June 8, and August 10, 2017. Scholarship and service awards and installation of officers will take place at the June 8, 2017, meeting. Hopefully this will reduce or eliminate scheduling conflicts for the scholarship recipients.

The board discussed ideas for social events in addition to the four membership meetings, so people can visit and get to know each other. Southside Johnny's required a guarantee of \$250. We would need 22 people to spend \$15 each. Other ideas included tours of Pioneers Museum, the Fine Arts Center, Rock Ledge Ranch, Garden of the Gods Visitors' Center, and Cheyenne Mountain Zoo. We could have box lunches catered and hold a short business meeting if needed, but no program. John suggested scheduling these activities in September and March. Charlotte stated people liked that the Bear Creek Park picnic was mostly eating and talking with just a short business meeting. Elaine stated that people don't want to bring food. Alan will call the Pioneers Museum for information about having an activity there next spring. Jennifer will check with Rock Ledge Ranch about scheduling an activity there this fall.

Membership Report: Karen reported no new members; membership is still 144.

Newsletter: Alan stated that the May issue is coming out early to give people a heads-up for the Membership Meeting. We should receive it soon. He will ask Pam Berry to send him pictures she took at the pre-retirement meeting for the newsletter.

Volunteer Hours: Roger has only received volunteer hour from three people. Roger stated that if people are interested, he may be able to arrange for a tour of NORAD; definite interest was expressed. It was also noted that Jane Entwistle has passed away.

2016 Scholarships: Barbara and Charlotte reported that in early February letters and scholarship applications were sent to 35 local high schools. The deadline for applications was March 31. We received 11 applications from seniors at six high schools in five school districts.

On April 6 Charlotte Brummer, Judy McCormick and Barbara Watt met to read the applications and select the two winners. As usual, we would have liked to be able to provide more scholarships to the excellent applicants. The scholarships of \$1,500 each will be awarded at our May 12 Membership Meeting.

The scholarship honoring Wayne Bricker will be awarded to Lauren Moran of Cheyenne Mountain High School. Lauren plans to major in psychology in college and then pursue a career in counseling. She has been accepted at four colleges and will decide which she will attend by the deadline May 1. Lauren has been involved in a large number of school and community activities, including Girl Scouts, school offices, bands, church youth leadership and National Honor Society. She is ranked #1 in her class of 302.

The scholarship honoring Bill Brandenburg will be awarded to Morgan Miller of Calhan High School. Morgan plans to attend CSU-Pueblo and pursue a degree in elementary education. She is leader of Future Teachers of America class and cheerleading captain. School and community

activities include cheerleading, basketball, track, Leo Club, National Honor Society, and volunteer at the Community Outreach Center. She is ranked #6 in her class of 34.

Community and Distinguished Service Awards: Elaine nominated Linda Navarro, and she was unanimously chosen by the board. Karen/Charlotte, award approved.

Legislative and CSPERA: Elaine announced that Devra Ashby's daughter has won the CSPERA Grandparent Essay award. Elaine will be presenting the award at Steele Elementary, this Friday, April 29, at 12:15 pm. We are all invited to join her there.

Jan reported that a divestment bill has already passed the state legislature and been signed by the governor. It requires PERA to divest from companies opposing Israel. The board opposed this bill because it costs PERA money. Another bill would require a minimum of 1% invested in renewable energy. PERA already invests more than the minimum required amount. The board opposes this bill because of the additional costs to PERA. Cory Gardner says federal bill, PEPTA, has become an amendment on the Puerto Rico bill; it would also cost PERA more money and is opposed by the board.

Jan and Rose will be attending the state CSPERA meeting in May.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Barbara Watt for Joyce Schmaltz.