

**PPSPERA Spring Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2016**  
**Old Chicago**  
**11:30a.m.**

**Board Members Present:** Elaine Naleski, Rose Enyeart, Jan King, Pam Berry, Alan Rasmussen, LuAnn Long, Sandy Patton, Joyce Schmaltz, Jennifer Alley, Terry Alley, John Kerr, Barbara Watt, Charlotte Brummer, Terri Stevens, Judy McCormick, Karen Hart, June George, Roger Louden

**Board Members Absent:** Joe Morin

Co-Presidents, Elaine Naleski and Jan King welcomed members and guests to our new venue.

**Agenda Approval:** LuAnn moved to approve the agenda and Sandy seconded the motion. It passed.

**Wayne Bricker/Bill Brandenburg Scholarship Winners:** Barbara Watt and Charlotte Brummer explained the scholarship process. In January letters of application were sent to 35 high schools in the region. There were eleven applications by the March 31 deadline. Barbara Watt, Charlotte Brummer, and Judy McCormick read the applications on April 6. After much deliberation, the scholarships were awarded to Lauren Moran of Cheyenne Mountain High School and Morgan Miller of Calhan High School. Both girls are worthy recipients. Lauren was unable to attend the meeting as she was taking an AP test, but she was represented by her parents who accepted the \$1500 scholarship in her behalf. Morgan was accompanied by her mother and her sister. Morgan shared her plans for next year. She will be attending CSU in Pueblo and will be majoring in elementary education. She also was presented with a \$1500 scholarship. Barbara reminded the girls that they may apply for a second year scholarship upon their completion of their first year of college.

**Distinguished Service Award:** Elaine introduced Linda Navarro who is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for 2016. Linda has worked for The Gazette newspaper for 50 years. She has contributed to the community in so many ways. Elaine listed a few of her accomplish-

ments and noted that many more will be included in the article to be written for the newsletter. Linda inaugurated the Empty Stocking Fund in our community and the practice of recognizing the Best and the Brightest senior high school students in the area. The recognitions is published in The Gazette each year. Linda is a true innovator and friend to the entire Colorado Springs community. Roger Louden presented Linda with a plaque honoring her accomplishments.

**Election and Installation of Officers:** Alan Rasmussen acknowledged and thanked the out-going members of the board, namely, Elaine Naleski, co-president, John Kerr, treasurer, LuAnn Long, past-president for their dedication and years of service.

Elaine announced the following nominations for the offices to be filled. They are Rose Enyeart, co-president and John Kerr, treasurer. LuAnn made a motion that the nominations be closed. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion passed. Elaine moved to elect the nominees by acclamation. The motion carried. Elaine will move into the position of past president. Jan King and Rose Enyeart will be co-presidents, John Kerr is treasurer, Joyce Schmaltz, secretary, Sandy Patton, liaison to CSPERA.

Alan proceeded with the installation of the newly elected officers, who then took over their new positions.

**Budget:** John Kerr announced that if a person would like to give a donation to the Scholarship Fund by placing cash in the top hats on the tables that there will be a receipt available in the hat for tax purposes. Copies of the budget report were to be found on each table. The balance was \$13, 106.77. If the present budget is followed there will be \$10,693 in the treasury at the end of the budget year. The budget for next year was presented at the last meeting. Nothing has changed since then so John recommended that budget be adopted. Barbara made a motion to accept the proposed 2016/2017 budget. LuAnn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**PERA Report:** Sandy reported that there have been no negative bills that impacted PERA in this session of the legislature.

Rose Enyeart reported that she and Jan King had attended the CSPERA Conference and Board Meeting in May. She said it was a very good meeting. She pointed out how important having membership really is as we advocate for PERA. There are retired folks that we know that should be members of our group. Numbers are important. Rose also encouraged people to turn in volunteer hours to Roger, so that this information may be use as a PR statement by the state to advocate for retirees. She also mentioned the Grandparents Essay Contest for 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the state. A young lady from Steele Elementary in Colorado Springs placed second in the state. Both Kaylee Ashby and her school were awarded a monetary prize. Elaine was privileged to present the award to Kaylee.

Elaine also emphasized how important it is for our group to increase in membership so that there are more advocates for PERA. We must get the word out. Elaine and LuAnn will be working on out-reach activities in the future.

**August 11, 2016 Membership Meeting:** Jan King announced that our next membership meeting will be held at the Library 21c off of Jamboree. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria from 11:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. with a tour of the library following from 12:30p.m. - 1:30p.m.

**Unified Membership:**

Sandy reported on the progress of the task force committee working on having unified membership for the state and local organizations. This would mean a person joining the state organization would automatically be a member of the local group. Nancy Carlson and Sandy Patton are flying to Washington in May to visit the state retirement group who has been very successful in adopting this practice and in having a large membership. Presently the proposal is set for a vote in the spring of 2017.

**Closing Remarks:**

Elaine announced that PPSPERA had received a thank you note from the Crystal Apple Award committee thanking us for the donation to the Crystal Apple Award . Elaine also reported that Luann DeCleva informed her of the training for CASA volunteers on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Elaine said that the Volunteer Office is always looking for volunteers if anyone is interested.

Elaine thanked LuAnn Long for her service and announced that LuAnn will be the new Out-reach Chair on the board. Elaine then passed the gavel(not a real one) on to Jan King. Elaine thanked each member of the board individually for all their dedication and hard work and awarded each with a token gift.

Terri Stevens will be leaving the board. Elaine and Jan asked for suggestions to fill this position.

Jan King thanked Elaine for all of her dedication and hard work.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary