

PPSPERA General Membership Meeting

Thursday, February 9, 2017

Valley Hi Golf Club

11:30 am.

Attending Board Members: Jan King, Sandy Patton, Terry Alley, Jennifer Alley, John Kerr, June George, Alan Rasmussen, Charlotte Brummer, Judy McCormick, LuAnn Long, Elaine Naleski, Karen Hart, Roger Loudon, Joyce Schmaltz, Pam Berry

President Jan King called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

A motion passed to approve the agenda. Sandy/Terri

A motion passed to approve the minutes of the November meeting.
Alan/Charlotte

Treasurer's Report: John had copies of the report available on each table. There is a balance of \$15,080.98. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report. LuAnn/Marje Erickson.

Hats to collect money for the Scholarship Fund were on the tables. Receipts are available in the hats for tax purposes. Any board member may sign them.

Membership: Karen reported that there are now 173 paid members. She reported on the mailing that was sent out requesting input on the proposed unified membership for state and locals. 225 letters were sent containing a stamped postcard to be returned. 108 postcards were returned; 84 in favor, 10 no opinion, 14 against. This was the best return in the state. Sandy thanked the group for the good return.

Outreach: LuAnn emphasized how important personal contact is when working on outreach. She plans to contact the 11 non-renewals by phone.

Program: Sandy introduced the speaker, John MacPherson, who is a Board Member of the SecurePERA Coalition. He pointed out that CSPERA is one of the groups supporting SecurePERA. CSPERA and

PPSPERA are not allowed to lobby the legislature nor to support a particular candidate. SecurePERA is able to do that for us. SecurePERA keeps up with all the legislation that might impact PERA and keeps members informed. By law PERA cannot pay for lobbyists but SecurePERA can. They can tell PERA members story to retain the Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

John passed out copies of a slide presentation compiled by SecurePERA showing the status of PERA after an actuarial report. The length of amortization to be 100% funded is now 75 years for the school division. PERA is looking at possible solutions to improve this situation. PERA is planning listening tours to travel around the state to receive input from PERA retired constituents. There may be changes in the works.

John encouraged the use of the SecurePERA website. Contact with your legislator regarding the bills before the legislature is very important. The website makes it easy to contact your legislator. It is important to make your communication personal. Show how the legislation will affect you. Go over the handout that John brought to help make you ready to participate in the PERA Listening Tour.

There are presently four bills in the legislature that affect PERA. Check the SecurePERA website to see what they are and to respond to them.

CSPERA Board Meeting: Sandy used the comments of John MacPherson to answer the question “Why belong to CSPERA?” SecurePERA needs the support of CSPERA to do lobbying that CSPERA by law cannot do. Join CSPERA to support SecurePERA and not be a person being carried along on the coattails.

The Unified Membership Task Force recommended to the board of CSPERA that unified membership be implemented September 1, 2017. The board will vote on the resolution in May. If the resolution passes, dues will be \$48/year. The local will have \$10 of that returned to its treasury. \$38 will remain with the state.

Thanks to everyone who supplied input to make the Task Force job easier.

Nominating Committee: Elaine made a strong plea for someone to **STEP UP** and accept the nomination for President-elect which is vacant right now and for president for the up-coming term. Joyce Schmaltz has agreed to run for secretary. She encouraged people to look around and if not running themselves to try to find a likely candidate.

Historian: Pam had no report. Elaine inquired if Pam had some pictures she could share with the CSPERA newsletter and website. Pam said she did and that the pictures would be sent. Elaine has the information as to where to send them.

Communication/PR: Elaine announce that CSPERA is launching a new website and Face book page. Watch for it.

Pre-Retirement: Terry Alley announced that the Pre-retirement Seminar is all set for April 13th at Tesla Learning Center from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The speakers are all arranged. Carol Wright of PERA and CSPERA boards will be one of the presenters. Terry noted that a concerted effort is being made to invite people from other school districts in addition to D-11.

Scholarship: Charlotte reported that the letters have all gone out to the schools. The scholarships will be presented at the April meeting.

Community and Distinguished Service Awards/Volunteer Hours: Roger had application forms for the awards. The nominations are due before March 13th. The application forms were also in the newsletter. Roger reported over 4000 volunteer hours.

Newsletter: Alan wanted to know if everyone received a copy whether digital or paper. Everyone in the room had received their copy.

NEW BUSINESS:

A decision was made at our last board meeting to hold a drawing giving each person who brought a guest to the meeting a chance to win a free lunch at the next meeting. Names were put in the hat and Pam Berry won a free lunch.

Hats were passed around for scholarship donations.

Marje Erickson suggested two possibilities for donations. A student at Mitchell High School died after being hit by a car. A fund has been set up for his family. Marje collects children's socks and distributes them to different agencies around town. It was suggested that socks be collected at our next meeting.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is looking for volunteers. Jan had brochures for anyone who was interested. There is an informational meeting soon.

Jan thanked John for the nametags.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;
Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

APRIL 13, 2017

JUNE 8, 2017

AUGUST 10, 2017

BOARD MEETINGS:

MARCH 16, 2017

MAY 18, 2017

JULY 20, 2017