

## PPSPERA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017

Valley Hi Golf Club

11:30 am

**Attending Board Members:** Jan King, Rose Enyeart, John Kerr, Joyce Schmaltz, Terry Alley, Alan Rasmussen, Karen Hart, Roger Louden, June George, Judy McCormick, Pam Berry, Charlotte Brummer, Barbara Watt

**Absent:** Sandy Patton, LuAnn Long, Elaine Naleski, Joe Morin, Jennifer Alley

Jan opened the meeting at 11:45am with a welcome to the guests and members. Jan introduced Karen Magnuson, Executive Director of CSPERA, guest speaker. Other guests were the two scholarship winners and their parents.

*A motion passed to approve the agenda. Rose/June*

A motion passed to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Barbara/Judy

**Treasurer's Report:** John distributed copies of the report to each of the tables. The present balance was \$12,221.36. If all of the expenditures take place that are planned in the budget, the balance will be \$4,891 at the end of the budget year. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was passed. Alan/Dorothy Kipp.

**Membership:** Karen reported 173 paid members.

**Pre-Retirement:** Terry reported that the pre-retirement program was set to go at Tesla Learning Center today, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. He reminded everyone that people from the city, from utilities, from all school districts were invited. These are the people who are members of PERA. Carole Wright of the CSPERA board and former member of the PERA board was one of the speakers.

**Outreach:** No report

**CSPERA May Board Meeting and Annual Membership Meeting:** Jan announced that the board meeting for CSPERA will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo. Unified membership will be a topic for the board. The membership meeting will be May 11<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. The 74<sup>th</sup> Birthday of CSPERA will be celebrated. There is a registration form available on the CSPERA website: [www.cspera.org](http://www.cspera.org) The cost of pre-registration is \$35.00, if you register by April 21<sup>st</sup>. There are also discounted housing rates available.

**CSPERA Executive Board Meeting:** Elaine and Sandy were absent so no report. "In the Know" will be out and information from the Executive Board of CSPERA will be in there. Watch for information on the up-coming vote to be taken at the May meeting in Pueblo.

**Unified Membership:** Karen Magnuson addressed this in her part of the program.

**Nominating Committee and Communications/PR:** No report. There is a possible candidate for co-president.

Jan welcomed those people attending the meeting for the first time.

**Legislative Report:** Jan gave this report in Sandy's absence. The following bills and their status were reported.

**HB 17-1176-** Would allow retiring employees of rural districts (School Districts with 6500 or fewer students) to work for another year rather than the 110 days now allowed. PERA board opposed this bill. It was heard in committee Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**HB 17-1265-** Will increase employer contribution for the Judicial Branch only. Board supports this bill.

**HB 17-1290-** Colorado Secure Savings Plan-This is not a PERA bill. It is a bill that would help the individuals begin a retirement savings plan. However, because the US Senate voted to eliminate the Obama-era retirement rule that granted states more flexibility to set up retirement programs for low income workers, it looks to go nowhere. Supported by SecurePERA.

**HB 17-1114-** State Treasurer's Authority to access PERA information. Board opposed. Killed in committee.

**SB 17-113-** Cap employers contributions permanently. Board opposed. Killed in committee.

**SB 17-158-** Modify the Board to include more appointed members. Board opposed. Bill killed in committee.

**SB 17-185-** District Attorney Salary Compensation and PERA. Killed in committee. PERA Board did not review.

## **BREAK FOR LUNCH**

**Scholarship Awards:** Barbara Watt and Charlotte Brummer awarded the Bill Brandenburg and Wayne Bricker Scholarships of \$1500 each to Lily Hanson of Coronado High School and Jessica Jong of Rampart High School. Lily's parents were in attendance as was Jessica's mother. There were 17 applications this year. Both girls were highly qualified. Lily has plans to study Elementary Education while Jessica plans to study Human Development and Family Studies.

**Guest Speaker:** Karen Magnuson is a Colorado native. She has worked in the Educational field for 31 years. She has been a teacher, professional staff developer, administrator, and adjunct professor. Now she is the Executive Director of CSPERA.

Karen listed some of the objectives and goals that CSPERA will be emphasizing for the up-coming years. CSPERA has a new Facebook page. The intent is to encourage members to communicate with each other. There are over 5,500 members in the organization spread throughout the state that could benefit from knowing something about each other or could learn something from each other.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> the CSPERA Executive Board met to hear the report and recommendations of the Task Force that has been studying United Membership along with the myriad responses from around the state to come up with proposals that will be voted on at the May 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The Executive Board is made up of 20 members plus each local may send two representatives (22 more members) a total of 42 people who may vote on the proposals presented at the meeting.

Two recommendations for proposals are:

- 1) Increase dues from \$24 to \$36 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year
- 2) Begin United Membership in 2018 and increase the dues to \$48,

That would be \$38 State and \$10 Local.

These will be voted on May 10, 2017.

Karen then spoke about "Operation Dream Keepers". This will involve training of the Executive Board, training of the Presidents, training of the next level of members or Outreach Programs She wants to set up a communication pipeline and to involve the generation that is not yet retired. Karen suggested that the meetings might have to be changed up to encourage the younger than the average 67 year old member of CSPERA. We may have to teach Why You Have to Belong.

Karen encouraged everyone to attend the meeting in Pueblo on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteer Hours/Community and Distinguished Service Award:** Roger reported turning in 4977 volunteer hours to CSPERA. He reported that two nominations for the Community Service Award were turned in. These awards will be presented at the next General Membership Meeting.

**Newsletter:** Another newsletter will be sent out in June before the next general membership meeting.

**Program for June 8, 2017:** Superintendent Nicholas Gledich and Glenn Gustafson from School District 11 will present a program concerning the necessity of running a bond election and the process.

New board members will be installed at this meeting.

People were reminded to put money in the top hats to support the scholarships that will be awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Joyce Schmaltz, Secretary

**BOARD MEETINGS:**

**MAY 18, 2017**

**JULY 20, 2017**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

**JUNE 8, 2017**

**JULY 20, 2017**