

ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM by President Mike Lee.

Board members present: Gary James, Dan Melancon, Darrell White, Bob McCulley, Francis Bradley, Welborn Marr, Donald Lewis, Doug Sanders, Clyde Keenan, Mike Lee, Richard McBryde, James R. Smith, Donnie Walden, John Johnson.

It should be noted that Jim Nichols (Treasurer) and Tim Cook (Public Relations & Webmaster) were on vacation.

The opening prayer was offered by Donnie Walden.

Secretary Report: John Johnson presented the minutes for the December, 2013 Board of Directors meeting for approval.

A motion by Bob McCulley to approve the minutes, seconded by Dan Melancon.

Board Action: The motion passed.

Treasurers Report. In the absence of Jim Nichols, John Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report for ending December 31, 2013.

A motion by Richard McBryde to accept the treasurer's report for December as presented, seconded by Donnie Walden.

Board Action: The motion passed.

Public relation's report. A copy of Tim Cook's Public Relations and Webmaster report was presented to the board by John Johnson. A copy of Tim's report was distributed to the board members and will become part of the January minutes.

Pension oversight committee report: Dan Melancon reports that the funds on hand are the same as last month (\$2.1 billion). Dan reports that he submitted a letter to the city recommending Ken Swann, a non-city employee, to serve on the pension board.

Membership Committee Report: Darrell White reports that 25 members dues expired during the calendar year 2013. Darrell advised that he and Doug Sanders will contact those members, plus those members whose dues expire in January, 2014.

Health Insurance oversight committee report: Francis Bradley reported the following:

- The city benefits office on Riverdale will close January 31, 2014. The only benefits office that will be available is on Union Extended. Reason for closing: the city is trying to cut costs.
- The new chairman of the City Council Healthcare Oversight Committee is Edmond Ford, Jr.
- The next meeting of the Health Insurance Oversight Committee is 3:30 pm on Tuesday, January 28.
- A copy of the Memphis Fire Fighters pension report is attached to the minutes at the request of Mr. Bradley.

President's Report. Mike Lee reported the following information:

- The Memphis Police Association sent ACRE a letter of appreciation for the \$100 donation to their charitable foundation.
- There was considerable discussion among the board members regarding upcoming healthcare issues as it pertains to Medicare eligible retirees. ACRE leadership will attend the upcoming Healthcare Oversight Committee meeting on January 28th and will inform the board members of any decisions made.

A motion by Darrell White to authorize the ACRE president, vice president, and legal advisor to set up an appointment to take Jim Strickland to either lunch or dinner to discuss ACRE's concerns as it pertains to healthcare and other issues. Seconded by Doug Sanders.

Board Action: The motion passed.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Johnson

John M. Johnson, Secretary

Public Relation's report submitted by Tim Cook:

Email Accounts:

ACREMemphis@gmail.com now has 450 email contacts after the last purge on January 2nd. All new requests to be added to the Email List have been completed. All new requests to be added to the Members Page or corrections/changes to their information have been completed. All the ACRE Email Accounts appear to be working properly with no complaints from any of the Officers.

Website:

The Members' Dues webpage was last updated on December 18th and will continue to be updated after each regular General Meeting. Several other web pages were updated during the month.

We ended 2013 with a total of 55 reported deaths. We have already had one (Jerry C. Davis) for 2014 at the time of this report which has been added to the Death's Page.

Public Relations:

The four (4) page January Newsletter was completed and mailed out to Members on Tuesday, December 31 and everyone should have received theirs by now. The extra copies printed were left at the ACRE Office to be passed out to those who needed one. The eight (8) page January website Newsletter was completed on January 1st and emailed to 442 Members on New Year's Day and posted on our website Thursday, January 2nd. At the time of this Report we had not received any complaints concerning our Mailed Newsletter or our Electronic Newsletter.

IT

The external hard drive for back-ups we purchased to back-up our current system has been installed. We have completed two (2) Back-ups of the Laptop at this time and a set schedule has been programmed to do normal back-ups. Lastly, I do want the Board to know that as progress is made in the developmental stages of our IT Section, the Board will be informed in a timely manner of our progress.