

ACRE
General Membership Meeting
January 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Mike Lee.

The opening prayer was given by James Smith, ACRE Chaplin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike recognized a guest, Pearl Gibson.

Treasurer's Report In the absence of the treasurer, Jim Nichols, the treasurer's report was given by John Johnson. A copy of the report is part of the minutes of the board meeting of January 15, 2014. It should be noted that ACRE ended the year 2013 right on budget.

Public Relations/Webmaster Report In the absence of Tim Cook the PR and Webmaster report was given by John Johnson. A copy of Tim's report has been made a part of the minutes of the board meeting of January 15, 2014.

Legal Advisor Report Clyde Keenan

- informed the members that he and others on the board are monitoring the activity going on in Detroit since they are in the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals, which Memphis is in. In order to follow this, Google "Detroit Free Press." Detroit retirees are covered under union contract, Memphis retirees are not.
- informed the members that when dealing with social security regarding a claim against a benefit, penalty, or whatever, it must be done in writing. They will send you a determination letter. You have 60 days to file an appeal if you don't like the decision they gave you. If you do not file your appeal within 60 days you lose your claim. Always save the envelop that the decision comes in because it is your proof when the decision was mailed to you.

Pension Committee Report: Dan Melancon.

- The pension fund is \$2.1 billion, which is the same as in December.
- The pension fund is secure.

Membership Committee Report. Darrell White and Doug Sanders

- Thanked the membership for keeping active with their dues.
- Thanked the members of the board for staying on top of issues that affect retirees.

Healthcare Committee Report Francis Bradley

- 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, City Hall, 5th floor conference room.
- The city benefits office on Riverdale will close January 31, 2014. The only benefits office that will be available is 2714 Union Extended. Reason for closing: the city is trying to cut costs.
- The City Council Health Insurance Oversight Committee is asking for another raise (19%) in insurance premiums, effective July 1.
- A performance drug list is available on line at www.caremark.com.

President's Report, Mike Lee

- Mike asked the members to be sure and let someone on the board know if they hear of the death or serious illness of a fellow retiree so we could reach out to the family.
- Information was presented to the members on the latest on healthcare and pension issues. Several questions were addressed from the audience.
- Mike informed the membership that he is going to have a representative of the Mid-South Aging Commission come to a future meeting.

Having no further business, Mike Lee offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Johnson

John M. Johnson, Secretary