

ACRE
General Membership Meeting
January 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12 noon by President Mike Lee.

The opening prayer was given by Richard McBryde, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business came from Mike Lee informing the membership about the disability audit being conducted for the city by an auditing firm. The board has approved the following motion to be brought before the membership for approval.

The following motion was presented to the membership for consideration by Tim Cook:

A **motion** to authorize Acre to donate an amount of money, not to exceed \$5000, from Acre's legal defense fund to assist the Memphis police Association and the firefighters Association in their efforts to obtain an injunction to stop the disability audit by the auditing firm that was selected by the city. The funds, if needed, will be paid directly to the attorneys office that will represent the fire and police unions.

The motion was seconded by Jim Nichols.

Membership action: The motion was approved.

Mike Lee informed the membership that he went to the FOP meeting this past Monday night. And the meeting the FOP wanted Acre to know that they supported us 100% in an effort to rectify the unreasonable requests in this audit. The FOP has made a commitment that they will match whatever funds we incur as a one-time donation. Mike Lee then recognized the president of the FOP, Danny Renshaw.

Vice President Report, Richard McBryde No report.

Treasurer's Report, Jim Nichols. Jim Nichols presented the treasurer's report to the membership.

Secretary's Report, John Johnson. No report.

Pension Oversight Report, Dan Melancon. In the absence of Dan Melancon, Richard McBryde presented the pension oversight report. The amount of money in the pension fund is \$1.9 billion.

Healthcare Committee Report, Francis Bradley. In the absence of Mr. Bradley the report was given by Mike Lee.

At the beginning of every year that you and your family members have a one-time \$25 deductible on any prescription that you get refilled or filled.

Caremark has completed their system update that will allow us to receive a 90 day prescription at 60 day prices at the participating pharmacies.

On January 28 from 1 PM to 3 PM in the city Council conference room on the fifth floor of City Hall there will be a healthcare oversight committee meeting regarding our healthcare for 2014. Mike invited members from the audience to attend the meeting.

Legal Advisor Report, Clyde Keenan

Clyde wants everyone to know if they, or someone they know, has an usual situation as it pertains to the disability audits to please feel free to call his office for some advice on how to deal with it. He said that there would be no charge for this service.

Public Relations/Webmaster Report, Tim Cook

If anyone is not on the email list to please send him an email and let him know. Tim advised everyone that there are some business cards at the sign in table which gives the email address and website information.

Members were encouraged to go to the home page all of the Acre website where they can find a lot of information that would be most beneficial to them. www.acrememphis.org

Tim announced to the membership that in the near future there will be another form of communication coming out which will be an electronic newsletter. This electronic newsletter will be sent out on a monthly basis, or as needed to those that are on the email list. This will not take the place of the quarterly newsletter.

President's Report, Mike Lee

Mike Lee informed the membership that the biggest issue that we have has to do with healthcare. The second biggest issue is the pension. The healthcare oversight committee meets the last Monday of January, last Monday of April, the last Monday of July, and the last Monday of October. The quarterly newsletter will be sent out within two or three weeks after these quarterly meetings so that the latest information will be available to the membership.

Everyone was encouraged the membership to pay their dues and to encourage other retirees to join our organization.

Mike encouraged the membership to consider serving on one of the committees that he presented. If there's an interest in any one particular area please let a member of the board know about it. A copy of the committees is on file.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned following the benediction by Jim Nichols.

John M. Johnson

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ACRE, Secretary

Motion to Approve: Tim Cook

Seconded by: Bob McCulley

Board Action: motion approved without objection