

ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM by President Mike Lee.

Board members present: Dan Melancon, Darrell White, Jim Nichols, Tim Cook, Welborn Marr, Gary James, Frank Hester, Bob McCulley, Mike Lee, Richard McBryde, Donnie Walden, Francis Bradley, Jim Smith, Clyde Keenan, Earl Wainscott, John Johnson.

The opening prayer was offered by Donnie Walden.

President Lee confirmed that Vicky Thompson from the SHIP Commission on Aging is going to be at the general membership meeting at 12 noon at the request of the membership last month and with the approval of the board of directors. An email was sent from President Lee to all members of the board describing what she will be talking on. A copy of the email will become a part of the minutes.

Secretary Report: John Johnson presented the January, 2014 minutes for the Board of Directors meeting and General Membership Meeting for approval.

A motion by Jim Nichols to approve the minutes of both meetings, seconded by Donnie Walden.
Board Action: The motion passed.

Treasurers Report. Jim Nichols presented the Treasurer's Report January, 2014.

A motion by Tim Cook to accept the treasurer's report for December as presented, seconded by Richard McBryde.
Board Action: The motion passed.

The treasurer, Jim Nichols, referred to a motion that was passed in November, 2013 that required approval of both the president and vice president on any expense or transfer of money to another account that exceeded \$500. He respectfully requested that the requirement of approval by both the President and Vice President be changed to read "approval by the President or Vice President."

There was a discussion by board members concerning Jim Nichol's request. After the discussion the following action was taken:

A motion by Darrell White that requires approval by the president or vice president on any expense or transfer of money to another account that exceeds \$500, followed by immediate documentation of the transaction and presented to the board at the next board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dan Melancon.
Board Action: the motion passed.

It should be noted that the passage of this motion supersedes the motion that was passed in November, 2013.

Public relation's report. A copy of Tim Cook's Public Relations and Webmaster report was presented to the board. A copy of the report will become a part of the minutes.

Legal Advisors Report. Clyde Keenan reports the following:

1. Retirees receiving disability audits will be entitled to a hearing before any benefits are taken away.
2. Can the city's \$5,000 death benefit be assigned to a funeral home as part of a pre-arranged funeral service. The answer is yes. You must notify the city and list the funeral home as a beneficiary.

Clyde Keenan was given authorization by the board to contact a representative of Memphis Funeral Home (George Methvin, Jr.) and see what type of program he could present to the membership.

Pension oversight committee report: Dan Melancon reports that as of December 31, 2013, there was \$2,203,676,000 in the pension fund and it is 87.4% funded.

Membership Committee Report: Darrell White reports that as of this date there are only 13 members that are not up to date on their dues.

Health Insurance oversight committee report: Francis Bradley reminded the members that if there is an urgent care facility that you are considering using, make sure that it is "in network."

President's Report. Mike Lee informed the board that he and Mr. Bradley attended the last healthcare oversight committee meeting at city hall. He and members of the board had a discussion as it pertains to the healthcare issues.

President Lee informed the board that there will be a special called meeting for the ACRE board members next week to discuss healthcare and other issues. The date and time will be forthcoming.

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 475 email contacts after the last purge on February 15th, which is an increase of 25. 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 except one. We are awaiting verification and further information from one member. All the ACRE Email Accounts appear to be working properly with no complaints from any of the ACRE Officers.

Website:

The Members' Dues webpage was last updated on January 20th and will continue to be updated after each regular General Meeting. Several other web pages were updated during the month.

We have had a total of 5 reported member deaths so far this year, which we have added to the website. The ACRE Meetings Page has all the Monthly Meeting dates for 2014 already posted, including the date change in May to the 28th. And of course as we do with all Meetings we will send out email blasts prior to the monthly Meeting so members will have prior notice and reminders of the Meetings.

The Memphis Police Association's Charitable Foundation "Catch A Cop Memorial 6K Marathon" ad has been added to the website on the Home Page by link. The link will stay on the website until May 30th when the event occurs.

Public Relations:

The March Newsletter is on the drawing board and a deadline for all articles will be Friday, March 31st. Remember we only have three (3) pages available in the printed/mailed Newsletter. The items which cannot fit into our regular four (4) page mailed Newsletter; will be inserted into Our Internet Version Newsletter. Our internet/electronic version of the Newsletter allows us (within reason) to have as much information as we need in the Newsletter. Also our internet/electronic version of the Newsletter is the one we email to every member on our email list.

IT

The external hard drive for back-ups is working properly and we have completed two Full Back-ups at this time. The computer has now been programmed to do normal routine back-ups. Due to the Holidays no progress has been made on our server at this time. Also obtaining free software is proving to be a little bit more difficult than we first estimated, but we will continue to try our best. 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.

Tim Cook
Public Relations,
Webmaster/IT