

ACRE Board of Directors Meeting

February 21, 2018

Board Members Present: Bobby Collins, Doug Sanders, Gary James, Francis Bradley, Dan Melancon, Bob McCulley, Mike Lee, John Johnson, Sonja Hollie, Clyde Keenan, Richard McBryde, Tim Cook, George Harris.

Call to Order: A quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Mike Lee, President.

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was given by Francis Bradley.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes for the December 2017 meeting were presented to the Board for approval by Secretary, Sonja Hollie.

Motion: by John Johnson to approve the minutes for the December meeting. Seconded by Doug Sanders.

Discussion: None

Board Action: The motion was passed without objection.

Treasurers Report: John Johnson passed out the treasurer's reports for the month of December 2017 and January 2018. He did a brief overview of each report including dues, donations, and expenditures to all board members present. A copy of his reports will become a permanent part of this file.

Motion: by Doug Sanders to accept the December 2017 report. It was seconded by Francis Bradley. There was a motion to accept the January 2018 report by Tim Cook. It was seconded by Bobby Collins.

Discussion: None

Action: The motion passed without objection.

It & Public Relations, Tim Cook, reported 1,155 current e-mail accounts which was down 36 accounts from last month. He has created a special file for those that are delinquent that can easily be changed to current if dues are paid in a timely manner. There was discussion of a Newsletter being put out in March. Tim will be out for a couple of days for a nerve block.

Legal Advisor, Clyde Keenan, reported that disabled grandchildren being raised by retirees need to have a legal guardian set up for them to collect their pension check if something were to happen to the retiree. A disabled child that collects a pension check would lose their SSI benefits which includes insurance.

Pension Oversight, Dan Melancon, reported the pension fund is 90.4% funded and has a total of \$2,367,988,885 in the fund. Dan will be taking some time off due to health issues and Bobby Collins will be covering the responsibilities.

Membership, Doug Sanders, continues to call members to remind them to pay their dues. It was discussed the possibility of sending out post cards. Details will be worked out and reported to the next meeting.

A question was raised to the board members, whether we wanted to pay rent to the Shriner's for the month of January 2018 when our meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Motion: was made by Doug Sanders to pay the January rent to the Shriner's. It was seconded by John Johnson.

Discussion: None

Action: The motion was passed without objection.

Healthcare, Francis Bradley, reported he has not answered a question correctly in December regarding hearing aids. If members are part of One Exchange, they have hearing aid benefits. Members on Medicare do not have hearing aid

coverage. Some members reported only getting partial payment of their donut hole costs, but the City is supposed to cover all out of pocket donut hole charges. There is an appeal process where members fill out a form from the insurance company.

It was noted, Jimmy Smith, Chaplain of ACRE, has not met the requirement that board members must attend at least 6 meetings to remain in good standing. (Article VI, Sec 4, item 4).

Motion: by John Johnson to waive this requirement for Chaplain Smith. It was seconded by Bobby Collins.

Discussion: None

Action: The motion passed without objection.

President, Mike Lee, gave out names and numbers of the City Benefits Office which are as follows: Alex Smith; Total Rewards Mgr., Darius Clay at 636-1332, and Josh Didawick at 636-6460. The Benefits main line is 636-6800. For help for widows regarding pension checks call Andrea Slaughter, Customer Service Leader, at 636-6637.

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonja Hollie, Secretary