

ACRE General Meeting

February 21, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President, Mike Lee.

Prayer: The opening prayer was given by Richard McBryde.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Richard McBryde, Vice President: welcomed those who came out in the bad weather. He reminded members if Shelby County Schools were closed due to inclement weather, the ACRE meeting would be cancelled.

John Johnson, Treasurer's Report: reported a net gain of \$1,100 for the month of January with 85 membership renewals.

Tim Cook, It & Webmaster: continues to keep the website updated.

Clyde Keenan, Legal Advisor: 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.

Bobby Collins, Pension Oversight: reported the pension is 90.4% funded as of December 2017 and the total in the pension fund is \$2,367,988,885.

Dan Melancon reported he had some new information regarding a special court for Veteran's that needed volunteers to be advocates for these Veterans. Anyone interested, needs to see him.

Doug Sanders, Membership, thanked members for keeping their dues current.

Francis Bradley, Healthcare Oversight, brought general information to members regarding health care benefits, use of emergency room, donut hole, etc. He also cleared up a question regarding hearing aids. Those with One Exchange have hearing aid benefits. Those on Medicare do not.

Mike Lee, President, showed what the new Social Security/Medicare Card looks like and said they will be mailed out between April 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019. As of January 2020, our old Social Security Card could not be used. He reminded members to make sure their address was updated so the new cards would get to them. MFFA and MPA are trying to get a ½ cent sales tax added to help with some retirees' benefits. Volunteers are needed to get signatures of Memphis citizens.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonja Hollie, Secretary