

Board of Directors Meeting

March 20, 2013

Board members present: Mike Lee, Richard McBryde, Jim Nichols, Tim Cook, John Johnson, Welborn Marr, Don Lewis, Bob McCulley, Darrell White, Gary James, Donne Walden, Francis Bradley, Gene Wainscott, Frank Hester, Pat Adams, Doug Sanders, Clyde Keenan.

Board members absent: Dan Melancon

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

Opening Prayer: Donne Walden

President Lee announced that during a special called board meeting on March 4, Doug Sanders was appointed as a board member and will serve on the Insurance Committee and also the Membership Committee. The appointment was approved by the board members present on March 4.

President Lee also announced on March 4 that Frank Hester will continue to be in charge of entertainment for the general membership meetings.

Secretary's Report, John Johnson.

The minutes of the February 20, 2013 board of directors meeting was presented to the board. Donne Walden made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Tim Cook. The motion was passed without objection.

The minutes of the February 20, 2013 general membership meeting was presented to the board. Tim Cook made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim Nichols. The motion passed without objection.

Treasurers Report, Jim Nichols.

The treasurer's report was presented to the board with an explanation of dues received and disbursements since the last board meeting. Nichols reports that we are under our budgeted amount for year to date. A copy of the budget is on file and is available for review.

Bob McCulley made a motion to accept the budget, seconded by Donne Walden. The motion passed without objection.

Membership Committee Report, Darryl White.

Darrell recognized Doug Sanders and commended him for his assistance in making the phone calls to members who have not paid their dues

Mike Lee stated post cards will be mailed out in the near future with an appeal to keep membership current. If there is no response then those members will be deleted from the roll.

Mike further advised that ACRE is still trying to get a list of all city employee retirees so they could be contacted to join the organization.

According to Doug Sanders, a member David Bomar, advised that he was told that his dues were overdue and he said that he is paid through October, 2013. He further advised that he paid cash last October at the general membership meeting.

Jim Nichols made a motion to accept Mr. Bomar's information and show him paid through October 2013, seconded by Darrell White. The motion was approved without objection.

Mike Lee made the suggestion that we should not take cash unless we give the member a receipt and/or a membership application showing that the dues were paid in cash.

Entertainment Committee Report, Frank Hester

At the July 17 general membership meeting the Memphis Employee Credit Union will furnish lunch at 11 AM at the Board of Education. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings. The Credit union will be informed that they should expect between 100 and 150 people.

Frank reports that the City Council chairman of the Personnel Committee informed him of a meeting on April 2 at 8:30 AM and is asking for a representative from ACRE to attend this meeting. Mike Lee advised that he and Francis Bradley will be attending this meeting and anyone else who wants to join them to meet at the union office at 7:45 AM that morning.

Secretary Report, John Johnson. No Report, other than the previous approval of the minutes.

Vice President Report, Richard McBryde.

Richard handled the ACRE phone calls that came in while Jim Nichols / Tim Cook were on vacation last week.

Public Relations Report, Tim Cook.

There has been no response from any city council member to the email was sent as a result of an earlier board meeting.

The city is not responding to ACRE request for a list of retirees. Clyde Keenan advised that we should request a public information request. Tim Cook and Clyde Keenan will get together and make a proper request for this information on retirees.

Tim reports that we now have 400 on our email list, which is up 50 from his last report.

The newsletter went out with minimum problems. The date on the address label showing the members expiration date of membership was left off. He is going to check with the printer to see what the problem was.

Legal Advisor's Report, Clyde Keenan.

Clyde advises he is monitoring the litigation procedures on the disability pension audits. An agreement between the city attorneys in the union attorneys has not been resolved. Clyde advises will keep the board informed if there is any progress.

Pension Report, Dan Melancon. No report available.

Healthcare Report, Francis Bradley

The City of Memphis budget will be presented to the City Council by the mayor on April 16.

According to Francis the question came up after the February meeting as to whether membership in the Hospital Wing was necessary. Emergency transportation by ground ambulance or air is covered. Air Wing covers any cost not paid by insurance.

Francis sent an email on March 13 to all board members which includes a response from Kenya Holmes of CIGNA. A copy of his email will become a part of the record.

Francis indicated that he was going to make an appeal at the general membership meeting asking for volunteers to serve on the healthcare committee.

President's Report, Mike Lee.

Mike gave the membership a new version of the healthcare summary sheet information for all the plans that are being presented. The top sheet is the most important one. A copy of this summary sheet will become a part of the record. Mike went over the top sheet with members of the board.

Tim Cook made the suggestion that members of the board along with Clyde Keenan, meet one-on-one with Council members to discuss the retirees ideas as it pertains to healthcare issues.

Having no further business, Bob McCulley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tim Cook. Motion to adjourn passed with no objection.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

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