

ACRE
General Membership Meeting
March 20, 2013

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

The opening prayer was given by Jim Smith, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Lee announced that Kenya Holmes from CIGNA will not be at the meeting today but is available to answer questions from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM today. Her phone number is 748-4143.

Membership Committee Report, Darrel White. Darrell reminded the members that if they have a question regarding their dues or membership to please give him a phone call. Darrel made an appeal to the membership that they should get involved in ACRE and be willing to serve as a member on one of the many boards that are available.

Entertainment Committee, Frank Hester. Frank announced that the Memphis City Employee Credit Union is providing lunch at the July 17 membership meeting. They will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings.

Treasurer's Report, Jim Nichols Jim presented a summary of the Treasurer's report highlighting the dues received versus expenses along with balances in the accounts. A copy of his report is on file and is available for review.

Public Relations/Webmaster Report, Tim Cook Tim reports that ACRE has 400 members on the email list. He informed the members that if they want to be added to the email list they should send a request to him by way of email. He further added that if they want to be added to the membership list on the website they should send him an email specifying what information they wanted displayed.

Tim informed the membership that when they receive their news letter the date their membership expires is on the printed on the label. However, it was omitted in error by the printing company and this should be corrected on the next mailing.

Healthcare Committee Report, Francis Bradley.

Francis informed the membership that after last month's meeting where Air Wing service made their presentation a question was asked by a member if Air Wing service was covered under a insurance program. The answer is yes. However, the use of air wing service must be declared an emergency by either paramedics, fire department, or law enforcement. Air Wing will submit a claim for this service. Air Wing will absorb the cost of any balance due.

Francis Bradley and Mike Lee went over the proposed healthcare options for 2014. This information is available on the webpage. Mike Lee informed the membership that if they need further clarification to contact either he or Francis Bradley.

Francis asked for membership to give a show of hands for those members who want to keep our health care plan as it is now with a premium increase. An overwhelming majority of members present raised their hands.

Mike Lee informed the membership that the budget proposed by the city administration should be presented to the City Council by April 16.

Francis made an appeal to the membership inviting them to serve on the insurance committee.

President's Report, Mike Lee

Mike Lee announced that Doug Sanders has been appointed to serve on the membership committee and insurance committee.

Mike Lee announced that Frank Hester will be in charge of entertainment and luncheons for the general membership meetings.

Acre is going to ask for raises for retirees. If the city is going to restore the 4.6% raise to current employees and give the new retirees nothing, that would not be fair. What would be fair is the 3%, 2%, and 1%. The current raise rate is 1%, 1/2%, and 1/2%.

A question from the audience had to do with members contacting the City Council members they know. Response: the members have the right to contact them, but as it pertains to specific items as it pertains to health care, we need to all be on the same page, i.e., it is not right to hit retirees with a large increase in premiums and reduction in benefits.

Mike Lee asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, Jim Nichols was asked to close our meeting in prayer, and without objection the meeting was adjourned.

John M. Johnson
ACRE, Secretary