

ACRE Board of Directors Meeting

March 21, 2018

Board Members Present: Sonja Hollie, Tim Cook, George Harris, John Johnson, Doug Sanders, Dan Melancon, Bobby Collins, Darrell White, Michael Lee, Richard McBryde, Clyde Keenan, Gary James.

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 Mike Lee.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes for the February 2018 meetings were presented to the Board for approval by Secretary, Sonja Hollie.

Motion: by John Johnson to approve the minutes for the February 2018 meeting. Seconded by Doug Sanders.

Discussion: None

Board Action: The motion was passed without objection.

President, Mike Lee, discussed due to Chaplain Jimmy Smith's health, he would no longer be able to fulfill his duties as ACRE Chaplain.

Motion: by Mike Lee to change Jimmy Smith's title to Chaplain Emeritus. Seconded by George Harris.

Discussion: None

Board Action: The motion was passed without objection.

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

Motion: by Tim Cook to accept the February 2018 reports. It was seconded by Bobby Collins.

Discussion: None

Action: The motion passed without objection.

Treasurer, John Johnson, mentioned the ACRE office at the MPA was not being cleaned even though we were paying \$30 a month for cleaning.

Motion: by Darrell White was made to save the \$30 and no longer pay for cleaning. It was seconded by Tim Cook.

Discussion: None

Action: The motion passed without objection.

IT & Public Relations, Tim Cook, discussed he was currently working on some issues concerning the web site and that he had sent out an e-mail blast.

President, Mike Lee, asked the Board permission to open another mail chimp account to put out much needed e-mails while Tim is recovering.

Motion: by Dan Melancon and seconded by Bobby Collins.

Discussion: None

Action: The motion passed without objection.

Pension Oversight, Bobby Collins, reported the pension fund is 93.43% funded and has a total of \$2,448,029,832 in the fund as of the end of January 2018.

President, Mike Lee, reminded the Board that elections for Board Offices will be the end of this year, and those interested in holding office need to tell him by August/September 2018.

He reported the new tax bill did away with the donut hole starting in January 2019, but lobbyists are trying to get this ruling overturned.

Members must have “qualified” health care not to be penalized for 2018.

Mike handed out copies of What to do upon the death of an Employee/Retiree to each Board member.

Mike continues to go to training sessions for SHIP. He encouraged those in the poverty level income to use SHIP to find financial help.

Prayers are needed for Tim Cook, Dan Melancon, Francis Bradley, Richard & Donna McBryde.

Without further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonja Hollie, Secretary