

ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 AM by President Mike Lee.

Board members present: Darrell White, Gary James, Welborn Marr, Doug Sanders, Dan Melancon, Donne Walden, Bob McCulley, Richard McBryde Tim Cook, Jim Nichols, John Johnson, Mike Lee, Francis Bradley, Clyde Keenan, Jimmy Smith.

Opening Prayer: The prayer was offered by Chaplin Donne Walden.

Approval of the minutes: John Johnson presented the March 19 , 2014 minutes for the Board of Directors meeting and General Membership Meeting for approval. It should be noted that Jim Nichols was present at the March board meeting, but his name was left off of the members present. The March minutes were presented as amended.

A motion by Jim Nichols to approve the amended minutes of both meetings, seconded by Tim Cook .

Board Action: The motion passed, with no objections.

Treasurers Report. Jim Nichols presented the Treasurer's Report for March, 2014.

Jim reports that the ACRE budget is on track, however there will be some expenses coming out near the end of April, including expenses for the upcoming newsletter, and printing and binding costs for the presentation package given to members of the city council on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

A motion by Tim Cook that whatever ACRE spent on the printing and binding costs for the presentation package given to the city council members be transferred out of the Legal Fund to the checking account by the treasurer, Jim Nichols. The motion was seconded by Donne Walden.

Board Action: The motion passed, with no objections.

A motion by Tim Cook to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Richard McBryde.

Board Action: The motion passed, with no objections.

Public Relation's / Webmaster's report. A copy of Tim Cook's Public Relations and Webmaster report was presented to the board. A copy of his report will become a part of the minutes.

- We are up to 505 members who have email addresses on file.
- The webpage is in the process of being updated.

- The newsletter will come out around the first of May. The deadline for the newspaper articles is April 30th. Articles should address the healthcare issues proposed by the city administration since a copy of the newsletter goes to the city council members.
- Tim suggests four topics that should be covered in the newsletter: One, insurance for those under 65. Two, insurance for those 65 and over with Medicare. Three, insurance for those 65 and older without Medicare. Four, the pension issues.

A motion was made by John Johnson that the president and board members accept the resignation of Frank Hester and per Frank Hester's request that ACRE no longer reimburse him the \$50 per month for expenses, effective immediately. Seconded by Darrell White.

Discussion: Frank Hester retired from the board, effective March 19, 2014. Frank served as chairman of the entertainment committee and was a member of the benevolence committee.

Board Action: The motion passed.

A motion was made by John Johnson to abolish the position of chairman of the entertainment committee and return it to Public Relations. Seconded by Jim Nichols.

Board Action: The motion passed.

A motion by John Johnson to accept Don Lewis resignation from the board of directors and to make him a life member for all the years of his loyal service to ACRE. Seconded by Darrell White.

Discussion: On March 25, 2014 board member Don Lewis resigned his position due to family illness. There was some discussion on delaying accepting his resignation, but making him a life member. The original motion by John Johnson was put before the board.

Board Action: The motion passed.

Legal Council Report. Clyde Keenan asked for direction from the board as how to advise retirees that are not ACRE members as it pertains to the healthcare and pension benefits. His office is getting phone calls from ACRE members and Non-ACRE members based on events that occurred at the city council meeting.

A motion by John Johnson to direct our legal advisor and his staff to refer all phone calls from non-ACRE retirees regarding the healthcare and pension issues to the ACRE phone number.

Seconded by Tim Cook.

Board Action: The motion passed.

Clyde suggested that we contact the membership and advised them that we need to ask for contributions for our legal fund.

Pension Oversight Committee Report Dan Melancon advised that there is \$2.25 billion in the pension fund. The pension liability is \$2.53 billion. The liability is there because the city has not put their share into the fund for several years.

Dan suggested that the membership be shown the same slide presentation that was shown for the city council.

Gary James reminded everyone that next month meeting will be on the 4th Wednesday instead of the 3rd Wednesday.

A motion by John Johnson that George Harris be appointed by the president and approved by the board to take the place of Don Lewis, who served on the Legislative Review Committee.

Seconded by Darrell White.

Board Action: The motion passed.

Healthcare Oversight Committee Report by Francis Bradley.

- All of St. Francis hospitals will be going out of network, effective May 31st, unless their contract is agreed to.

President Report by Mike Lee.

- Mike commented on the administrations recommendation on April 11 for OPED proposal that he received. It was to be presented on April 15th before the executive session of the council. The city administration's recommendation was not presented by the administration.
- Mike commented on information he received from Vicki Thompson and Ms. Jones of Tennessee SHIP, regarding Medicare supplement. Retirees could only participate if the employees insurance is terminated.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Johnson
Secretary