

ACRE  
General Membership Meeting  
April 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Mike Lee.

The opening prayer was given by James Smith, ACRE Chaplin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Vice President Report**, Richard McBryde. Richard commended Mike Lee for his presentation to the city council members on Tuesday, April 15 at the executive session. Welcomed all members to today's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** Jim Nichols, gave the treasurer's report for March, 2014. A copy of the treasurer's report is available for review. Nichols asked the membership that if they could, please contribute to ACRE's legal fund.

**Public Relations/Webmaster Report** Tim Cook's report was presented to the membership. A copy of his report is a part of the board meeting minutes on 4/16/2014 and is available for review.

- We have over 500 emails on file from the membership. Make sure we have the correct email address.
- Newsletter will be out around the first of May with latest information on our pension and healthcare situation. The newsletter is four pages, but the newsletter on our website is from 6 to 10 pages of information.
- Members were informed that the next general membership meeting in May will be the 4th Wednesday (May 28) instead of the 3rd Wednesday.
- Encouraged members to stay current on dues and encourage other retiree's to join ACRE.

**Legal Advisor Report**, Clyde Keenan.

- Clyde informed the membership that ACRE may have to file court action if the city forces us to do so as it pertains to healthcare and/or pension. If we do, this will only be for those retirees that are members of ACRE and are named plaintiffs. This will not be a class action lawsuit that would cover all retiree's.

**Pension Committee Report** Dan Melancon.

- The pension fund is in good shape with \$2.2 billion in the fund. The liability on the pension fund is \$2.53 billion. The pension is 88% funded. The fund is short because the city has not been putting in their share for several years.

**Membership Chairman Report**, Darrell White.

- Darrell asked the members to send in their dues in a timely manner and to check with him after the meeting to see if their dues are paid and when they expire. He explained that ACRE has expenses that are paid by the dues.

**Insurance Oversight Committee Report, Frances Bradley**

- Frances reports the St. Francis may be out of network unless a new contract can be negotiated by the end of May. More information about this at the next meeting in May.
- Members are entitled to one eye exam per year without a co-pay under the vision provision of our medical plan. If you have a problem, contact Kenya Holmes (CIGNA representative) at 901-748-4143.
- CIGNA sent out to several members a survey form. You are not required to fill out this survey.
- Frances advised that the city council healthcare oversight committee meets Tues, April 29th, 3:30 to 5:00 pm. 5th floor conference room.

**President's Comments: Mike Lee**

- Mike commended Clyde Keenan for the legal work that he is doing for ACRE.
- Mike commended Dan Melancon for all the work he did on the slide presentation presented to the city council members.
- Mike commended all members of the board for the work that they are doing for ACRE.
- Mike reminded the membership that the May meeting will be on the 4th Wednesday (May 28) instead of the 3rd Wednesday.
- Mike informed the membership that George Harris was approved by the board of directors as an ACRE board member.
- Mike presented to the membership the power point presentation that was given to the city council members on Tuesday, April 16th.

Mike Lee asked Mike Williams of the MPA to make comments as it pertains to current issues facing the city and city employees. The MPA is "all in" in supporting ACRE.

Having no further business, Jim Smith offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*John M. Johnson*

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