

ACRE
General Membership Meeting
April 17, 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.

Vice President Report by Richard McBryde. Nothing new to report.

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. Year to date expenses are under the amount budgeted. A copy of his report is on file and is available for review.

Secretary's Report, John Johnson. The membership was informed that Secretary Johnson was a notary and if the members had anything that needed to be notarized could be handled before and after the membership meetings.

Public Relations/Webmaster Report, Tim Cook. Information was presented to the membership from the document previously approved at the executive board meeting. Highlights include:

- 375 members have email addresses.
- a new web page is being designed which will include your name and dues expiration date.
- we have 1,200 plus members on file.
- updates from the healthcare committee is on the webpage.
- invited the membership to review the calendar of events on the webpage.

Legal Advisor, Clyde Keenan.

- Advised the membership that if they are involved in an accident and taken to Methodist hospital for treatment. Methodist refused to file with CIGNA and wanted to file on the injured persons auto insurance. Do not furnish the hospital any information regarding their auto insurance, but furnish them with your healthcare benefits. The hospital is not entitled to your auto insurance information.
- Advised the membership that in the event the fire department ambulance is used and for some reason it is not paid by your insurance, you may be contacted by a collection agency from New Jersey, identified as MRS. If a member gets a bill, do not pay, but get in contact with his office.

Pension Committee Report, Dan Melancon.

- Dan reports that the pension fund is in good shape due to the upswing in the stock market.
- The amount in the fund is \$2.3 billion.
- The pension is 85% funded.

- Disability Retirement Packets are still being mailed out. If a member is classified as Line of Duty disability, the retiree is not required to furnish any financial information asked for in the packet. If a member is classified as an ordinary disability retiree, he/she is required to report financial information.
- The pension board meets the last Thursday of this month and the meeting is open to the public.

Membership Committee Report, Darrell White. Darrell reminded everyone that they should check with the benefits office to make sure their beneficiary information is correct. The benefits office number is 901-636-1624. Unless you live out of town, you must go by the benefits office on Union Extended or the benefits office on Riverdale to make changes in your beneficiary.

Entertainment Committee Report, Frank Hester. Frank reminded everyone that the Memphis City Employee Credit Union is providing lunch (hotdogs and burgers) for ACRE at the July 17th general membership meeting. Lunch begins at 11 am.

Healthcare Committee Report, Francis Bradley.

- The city council quarterly healthcare oversight committee meets April 23rd at 1 pm, city hall, 5th floor. Members were encouraged to attend.
- The preferred drug list is available from Caremark. This is a list published quarterly. The last list was in April. This is on ACRE website, or contact Caremark.
- Co-pays and deductibles do not reduce out-of-pocket expenses.
- Hearing aids. If you use any provider other than Memphis Hearing Aid you should contact the benefits office, or Cigna, to make sure they are in network.
- Any time you use a doctor, hospital, rehab center, make sure they are in network.

There are links on the ACRE webpage for all healthcare issues. Any concerns, members are asked to contact him.

President's Report, Mike Lee

Several announcements:

- New phone service at the ACRE office, which produces a substantial reduction in monthly phone costs. Thanks to Jim Nichols and Tim Cook for obtaining this service.
- Announced that ACRE member Don Hollie is out of the hospital after 5 1/2 months and is in a rehab center in Millington. He can have visitors.
- Announced that ACRE has a benevolence committee and the office should be notified if a member is sick, hospitalized, or has died.
- Announced that the executive board is discussing information relative to the new insurance plan that is to begin in 2014. More details will be available later.

It should be noted that there was no official business conducted at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

John M. Johnson
Acre, Secretary