

ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 17, 2015

Board members present: Mike Lee, Richard McBryde, John Johnson, Tim Cook, Francis Bradley, George Harris, Gary James, Don Lewis, Bob McCulley, Donne Walden, Dan Melancon (11 members present).

Call to Order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by President Mike Lee.

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was offered by Richard McBryde.

Approval of the minutes: **John Johnson** presented the minutes for the board of directors meetings and the one membership meeting in May for approval.

Motion by Richard McBryde to approve the minutes of both meetings, seconded by Robert McCulley.

Discussion: No discussion.

Board Action: The motion passed without objection.

Vice President's Report, Richard McBryde.

Richard and Dan Melancon presented the compiled list of questions that will be sent to all potential candidates for the city election, which includes the mayor and council races. A copy of the list of questions was given to each board member and a copy will become a part of the minutes of today's meeting. The president said that the goal is to send a list of questions to each candidate for office on the ACRE letterhead. The president asked us to come up with a list of candidates that the questions will be sent to. Pres. Lee commended Sonia Holly for the work that she did on this project.

Tim Cook advised that the deadline to turn in a petition to run for office is July 15th. The deadline to pull out of the election is July 23rd. At the August board meeting we will know who's running for office and who to send the questionnaires to. The city election is October 8th. Early voting starts September 18th and he ends October 3rd.

Treasurers Report. The Treasurer's Report for May was presented by Tim Cook, in the absence of Jim Nichols. A copy of his report will be on file and available for review by ACRE members.

Motion by John Johnson to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by George Harris.

Discussion: None

Board Action: The motion passed without objection.

Robert McCulley made an inquiry as to when the FOP will have their annual golf tournament which is Dream Factory event. No one had a brochure as to the date of the tournament and when we receive it, it will be placed in the record.

Motion by Robert McCulley that ACRE sponsor "a hole" for the FOP golf tournament in the amount of \$100, seconded by Francis Bradley.

Discussion: Jim Nichols, Treasurer, will be notified of the board action.

Board Action: The motion passed without objection.

Public Relations and IT/Webmaster Report. Tim Cook

Tim presented the IT and public relations report. A copy of his report will be made a part of the minutes of this board meeting.

Tim advised that our primary email address for ACRE is *acrememphis@gmail.com*. Due to limited storage space, Tim had to create a new email address for Acre Public Relations. It is *publicrelations.acrememphis@gmail.com*. Tim prefers that all correspondence to him come to the new public relations email address.

Tim reported that the annual renewal for the ACRE state charter has been submitted by Treasurer Jim Nichols.

The Memphis City Employee Credit Union will furnish lunch at the July 15 ACRE meeting. The general membership meeting starts at 10 am and lunch served at 11 AM. Mike Lee said that due to time constraints it may be necessary to have our Board of Directors meeting at another date and time.

Board members agreed to help set up the tables for the luncheon and the designated time for us to start setting up is between 8:30 and 9:00 AM. A reminder that we need to have the members fed and out of the building no later than 12:30 pm. Cleanup must be completed by 1:00 pm.

Motion by John Johnson that the Board of Directors meet at the ACRE / MPA conference room on Tuesday, July 14 at 11:00 am. The motion was seconded by Richard McBryde.

Discussion: ACRE will provide lunch for the board members.

Board Action: The motion passed without objection.

Pension Board report Dan Melancon.

The last meeting of the pension board was on May 28th. For the month of April there was a balance of \$2,235,314,000 in the pension fund. The pension fund is 88.3% funded. The next meeting is scheduled for June 28th.

Insurance Committee Report, Francis Bradley.

Francis said that the following reminders will be shared at the general membership meeting.

- The deadline for enrolling in the stop smoking program is June 30. The course must be completed by August 31. Successful completion of the course will result in a refund of all smoking surcharges since Jan 1, 2015. This is required by the Federal Government, not the city.
- The BMI audit deadline has been extended to June 30th.
- If a member decides to enroll in an insurance program outside of what the city offers, you are no longer eligible for the \$3,000 IRS deduction for public safety officers.

- Francis recommended that we read the condensed version of the SEGAL report to the city council that was ordered by the city council at a cost of \$120,000.

President's Report. Mike Lee

Mike Lee presented a general overview of the City Council meeting of June 16th.

Mike shared an email from Mary Overton who is really having some health issues, as well as many others in the pre-65 retiree category.

Mike shared the Kemp Conrad / Justin Wilson / Brian Collins email of June 15th to Justin Wilson, comptroller for the state, asking for his opinion on continuing to fund the pre-65 retirees. A copy of the email will become a part of the record.

The city council meets on Tuesday, June 23rd at 8:30 am to vote on the mayor's budget. If they approved the budget, as it is, the pre-65 retirees will have access only to the city's healthcare insurance at 100% of the premium on January 1, 2016.

Dan Melancon informed the members that the city council meetings are broadcast on FM radio, 88.5.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned.

John M. Johnson
Secretary