

ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by President Mike Lee.

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

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

Approval of the minutes: Jim Nichols presented the May 2014 minutes for the Board of Directors and General Membership Meeting for approval.

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

Board Action: The motion passed, with no objections.

Treasurers Report. Treasurer Jim Nichols presented the Treasurer's Report for April and May, 2014 at the May board meeting. Therefore it was not presented again as there were no changes.

A motion by Bob McCulley that Clyde Keenan, ACRE Legal Advisor, could ask the treasurer for money and it could be dispensed immediately up an amount that is in the legal fund. The board members would be advised at the next board meeting. The motion was seconded by Doug Sanders.

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 636 members who have email addresses on file with ACRE, which is 81 over last month.
- The webpage is in the process of being updated. The last dues paid update was May 17.
- Research is being conducted on purchasing a computer for the ACRE office, since the old one is about to crash.
- Tim gave a report on the council vote last night on the amended budget.

Secretary's Report. John Johnson requested that the vote by the city council on the amended budget for 2014/2015, which had a drastic effect on retirees be included in the minutes.

The city council approved the amended budget by a 7-5 vote, which means that post-65 retirees with Medicare A & B would have to pay 100% of the insurance premium. Voting for the amended budget was Kemp Conrad, Shea Flinn, Edmund Ford, Jr., Reid Hedgepeth, Myron Lowery, Bill

Morrison, and Jim Strickland. Voting against the amended budget was Bill Boyd, Joe Brown, Janis Fullilove, Wanda Halbert, and Lee Harris. Note: Harold Collins was absent.

A copy of the Commercial Appeal article by reporters Connolly and Veazey is attached to the minutes.

Pension Oversight Committee Report Dan Melancon advised that as of April 2014, there is \$2.198 billion in the pension fund. The pension is in good shape and is 86.9% funded.

The mayor has said that the retirees will receive no raises until the pension fund is 100% funded.

Membership Committee Report. Darrell White said that as a result of the pension and healthcare problems, ACRE membership has increased.

Gary James reports that he and John Johnson are going to meet with Mr. Allen of the Board of Education to see if we can get the meeting room for one additional hour (9 am to 1 pm) for the July membership meeting.

Jim Nichols asks that it be put in the minutes that the ACRE board expresses its sincere appreciation to the Memphis City Employees Credit Union for the donation of the golf shirts with the ACRE logo to the board members.

Insurance Oversight Committee Report. Francis Bradley asked if there was any way that ACRE could get a list of the monies that the city council approves to give to different organizations?

In response to Mr. Bradley's question, Tim Cook reports that Wanda Halbert made a motion that each of the council members be allocated \$2 million to spend as needed in the council districts. This amounted to \$26 million that was allocated.

President Report. Mike Lee reported that Jim Bompreszi has asked that the ACRE board meet with Gloria Pennington with the Physician's Mutual insurance company. It was agreed that Mike Lee would contact Ms. Pennington and meet with the board members to see what type of insurance is available for post-65 with Medicare A & B.

Mike Lee said that we need to have options available and not rely on the city to find an insurance plan for post-65 retirees.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Johnson
Secretary