

ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Mike Lee.

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

The opening prayer was offered by John Johnson.

Approval of the minutes. Mike Lee called for the approval of the minutes taken at the September board meeting.

Robert McCulley made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Dan Melancon seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurers Report. In the absence of Jim Nichols, a copy of the Treasurer's Report was submitted to the board members for approval by Tim Cook. A copy of the report will become a part of the minutes.

John Johnson made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Robert McCulley. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Public relation's report. A copy of Tim Cook's talking points were presented to the board and discussed. A copy of his report will be placed in the minutes. Highlights: we now have 425 email contacts, member dues webpage, healthcare committee page, members page, death page, and pension page have been updated.

The October newsletter has been completed, printed, and mailed.

Tim reports that many members are asking to receive the newsletter by email rather than a mailed hard copy. At the present time the newsletter is mailed to everyone, including those that have email accounts. Separating the list of who will get mailed copies and who would get email copies would be very time consuming. The cost of sending every member a newsletter was \$618 the last mail out.

John Johnson made a motion to continue our mail outs of the newsletter as is, with everyone receiving a hard copy. The motion was seconded by Robert McCulley. The motion was approved.

There was some discussion regarding the two donated PowerEdge Servers, as indicated on the written talking points submitted by Tim Cook. Tim is researching the cost of the operating systems, rack, shelving, where the servers are to be placed at the office, and a means of

keeping the servers cool. The servers are big and take up a lot of room and generate a lot of heat. There is some expense in not only setting up the system, but maintaining it.

In response to a question as to whether we need the servers, Tim said that as we grow as an organization it is easier to be on a server, rather than a regular computer.

John Johnson made a motion to keep the two servers donated to ACRE by Central Defense and let Tim Cook continue to research all costs and issues related to the servers, and if ACRE grows to the point of actually needing a server, that it be brought before the board for consideration since there will be a cost involved. Robert McCulley seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Tim Cook presented a copy of an email from Michael Williams (Memphis Police Association) regarding any donations to Ray and Brenda Maples, who were injured in a car crash recently. The checks are to be made out to the MEMPHIS POLICE ASSOCIATION CHARITABLE FOUNDATION and reference to THE MAPLES FAMILY. A copy of the email will be a part of the minutes.

For the record, a telephone vote was conducted by Mike Lee on October 11, 2013 regarding donations for Ray and Brenda Maples. A copy of the telephone vote by board members agreeing to give ACRE members an opportunity to donate to the Maples family will be a part of the minutes.

Secretary's Report John Johnson reported that the credit union has informed its members that the death benefit provided by their insurance carrier will end on December 31, 2013. The insurance provided a death benefit of an amount equal to a member's savings account, but limited to \$3,000. The credit union has extended the coverage until January 31, 2014.

A copy of the new phone numbers and options for the Health Wellness and Benefits office will be made available for the membership. A copy will be included in the minutes.

Legal Advisors Report by Clyde Keenan Clyde Keenan made comments on an article in the Commercial Appeal that referenced a report on our pension system with information provided by the city. That information does not apply to those who have already retired.

Pension committee report by Dan Melancon. Dan reports that the funds on hand as of July is \$2.069 billion and is 82% funded.

The next Pension Board meeting is the last Thursday of October, which will be on the 31st.

Mike Lee reported that Allen Wade will produce his document concerning the disability audit for consideration at the next pension board meeting.

Dan Melancon advised that the vacant position on the pension board has not been filled by the mayor.

Membership Committee Report by Darrell White

Darrell White made a motion that due to humanitarian reasons the annual membership dues for David Booker and Virginia Wells be waived for one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Tim Cook. The motion was approved.

Tim Cook made a motion to waive the dues on all members who are ninety (90) or older. The motion was seconded by Darrell White. The motion was approved.

Insurance committee report by Francis Bradley.

Francis Bradley reviewed several pages of the new open enrollment for 2014 and discussed some items that were new for 2014. Francis emphasized that members should read the booklet and keep it available for future reference.

Additional comments:

Gary James has made arrangements with the board of education for our meetings next year, with the exception of May 21st. That date is not available. The board members suggested that the meeting for May be either a week before or a week after.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned by President Mike Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Johnson

John M. Johnson, Secretary