

ACRE GENERAL MEETING

OCTOBER 17, 2018

Call to Order: a quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order at 10 am by Mike Lee, President.

Opening Prayer/Pledge: The opening prayer was given by John Johnson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President, Richard McBryde, thanked the members for coming and reminded them if they had any questions, please call the ACRE office and leave a message.

Legal Advisor, Clyde Keenan, brought the nominations to the floor for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Public Relations. The voting on Officers will be at the November meeting.

Treasurer, John Johnson, presented the financial report for the month of September. There were 790 YTD renewals with 26 renewals in Sept. The membership was informed that the financial records are available for review by any dues paying member upon request.

Public Relations, Tim Cook, asked if there were any questions regarding the web site or if anyone was having trouble.

Legal Advisor, Clyde Keenan, mention Channel 5 reporting some drug costs may be less when bought on the open market as opposed to using insurance. Attorney Anthony Bradley will be at the meeting next month to talk about Estate Planning.

Pension Oversight, Dan Melancon, report the pension fund was almost 91% funded with a total of \$2,380,000,000 in the pension fund as of August 2018.

Membership, Darryl White, told members he appreciated them keeping their dues up to date and their due date could be found on the ACRE web site.

Benevolence, George Harris, reminded members he sends out cards to families who have lost loved ones only, not for illness.

President, Mike Lee, reported to members there would be a 2.8% increase in Social Security for 2019. A bill has been introduced to receive more Social Security for first responders and teachers. The new Medicare rate for going in the hospital is \$1,364.00 every benefit period. Part B cost is \$135.50 in 2019 and Part D is \$185.00. October 15-December 7, 2018 is open enrollment for Part D. Medicare Advantage open enrollment is January 1-March 31, 2019. The donut hole starts at \$3,820.00 in 2019. There is a phone number to call if you experience any kind of fraud. October 27, 2018 is the annual Firefighters retiree luncheon at the Pipkin Building from 10:30-12:30. SHIP is now giving help on drug plans. New medical cards are now being sent out in the state of TN. There was discussion of new insurance changes and information for those with low income that may need help paying their premiums and drugs.

Legal Advisor, Clyde Keenan, told members to be sure to record serial numbers of any MPD weapons that they have ever bought.

Having no further questions or business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45, followed by the closing prayer by Mike Lee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonja Hollie, Secretary