

ACRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
October 19, 2016

Board members present: Tim Cook, Darrell White, Bob McCulley, Donne Walden, Clyde Keenan, Don Lewis, George Harris, Gary James, Doug Sanders, and John Johnson.

Call to Order: A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 8:40 am by Tim Cook (PR) in the absence of President Mike Lee.

Opening Prayer: The opening prayer was given by Chaplin Donne Walden.

Opening statement by Tim Cook: Mike Lee and Francis Bradley are absent from the meeting due to the Healthcare Oversight Committee meeting at City Hall. Tim Cook expressed sympathy in the loss of Executive Board member and Secretary Jim Nichols.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes for the September meeting were presented to the membership for review and approval.

Motion by Bob McCulley to approve the minutes for the September board meeting. Seconded by Donne Walden.

Discussion: None.

Board Action: The motion passed without objection.

Secretary Report: Acting Secretary John Johnson indicated that he will temporarily fill the vacant Secretary position until a replacement for Jim Nichols is made by the President and/or the election of officers for 2017/2018.

Tim Cook advised the if anyone on the board wants to take over the position of Secretary, or know of anyone, please let Mike Lee, Bob McCulley or John Johnson know.

Treasurers Report: John Johnson had previously sent out the treasurer's report for the month of September, and did a brief overview of dues/donations and expenditures to all the board members present.

Motion by Doug Sanders to accept the treasurer's report for September. Seconded by Bob McCulley.

Discussion: No further discussion on the motion.

Board Action: The motion passed without objection.

Public Relations and IT/Webmaster Report. Tim Cook. A detailed report for the Public Relations / IT Department was submitted by Cook. A copy of his report will become a part of the minutes of this meeting. Tim reports that we now have 1,160 email addresses on file with ACRE.

Tim Cook took the opportunity to remind members of the death of ACRE Secretary Jim Nichols and reminded all that the funeral is at Central Church in Collierville this afternoon at 2 pm. Jim will be missed!

Membership Committee Report: Darrell White / Doug Sanders. They reminded everyone that this coming Saturday of the annual Retired Firemen's Luncheon and ACRE will set up a booth and take applications for new members and the renewals of dues.

Pension Board report: Dan Melancon was not present so his report will be deferred to next month's meeting.

Legislative and By-Laws Committee report: Bob McCulley made the following motion:

Motion by Bob McCulley to make Jackie Nichols (widow of Jim Nichols) a lifetime member of ACRE. The motion was seconded by John Johnson.

Discussion: None.

Board Action: The motion passed.

Bob informed the board that elections will be at the November general membership meeting. The position for Secretary needs to be filled. All elected officers, Mike Lee (president), Richard McBryde (vice president), John Johnson (treasurer), Darrell White (Sgt-at-arms), and Tim Cook (public relations), will be on the ballot. As of this date no one has expressed any interest in running for an elected position. The election will be announced at today's general membership and anyone expressing a desire to run for office submit their name. John Johnson advised the board members that he would fill the position of secretary through December 31st which will be after the election and start of the new year.

Benevolence Committee: George Harris. George advised that he needs an updated copy of the member list to make sure he has the latest changes in addresses. Tim Cook advised that he would furnish George with the latest list.

John Johnson informed the board members that in lieu of flowers, ACRE made a monetary contribution (at the request of the family) in memory of Jim Nichols to the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund in Washington, DC.

Healthcare Committee Report: Francis Bradley. No report as Mr. Bradley was attending a meeting with Mike Lee at City Hall.

Discussion Item: ACRE phone number. John Johnson.

The ACRE phone number (901-525-2615) is now on a recorder. The membership needs to be informed by email, website, and newsletter that a member needs to leave their name (please spell last name), a phone number and a brief message stating the nature of the call and that someone from ACRE will return their call as soon as possible.

Discussion Item: Newsletter: Tim Cook advised the board members to start compiling their articles for the next newsletter. The next newsletter going out has not been determined as of today's date.

Discussion Item: Open enrollment now for dental, vision, and life insurance at the MPA and MFFA.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John M. Johnson, Acting Secretary