

ACRE
General Membership Meeting
November 20, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Mike Lee.

The opening prayer was given by James Smith, ACRE Chaplin, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lee recognized Frank Hester, who announced that at the December General Membership meeting lunch will be provided by the Memphis City Employee Credit Union beginning at 11 am. He also announced that the Peace Makers will perform during the meal. Frank encouraged the members to bring another retiree with them.

Vice President Report Richard McBryde welcomed the members to the meeting.

Treasurer's Report Jim Nichols presented the monthly treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report John Johnson had nothing to report.

Public Relations/Webmaster Report Highlights of Tim Cook's report was presented to the members. His information is the same that was shared at the board meeting. A copy of his presentation is attached to the Board Meeting Minutes.

Legal Advisor Report Clyde Keenan had nothing new to report.

Pension Committee Report Dan Melancon reports that the funds on hand as of September 30th is \$2,115,557,000 billion and is 82% funded. The pension fund is in good financial shape.

Membership Committee Report. Darrell White thanked everyone for sending in their dues and asked the members to talk to their retired friends and encouraged them to join.

Healthcare Committee Report Francis Bradley talked about problems with the vision plan and the once a year exam that requires no co-pay under the medical plan. If there are any problems with the provider, contact Kenya Holmes.

The City's Health, Wellness, and Benefits office published new phone numbers, but they are already changed again. 901-636-6800 is the local number. 866-543-4367 is for out-of-town calls. The numbers are the same but the options have changed.

President's Report, Mike Lee

Mike Lee informed the membership of the following information:

1. The amount of funds raised by the FOP Golf Tournament for the Dream Factory in excess of \$5,000. ACRE donated \$100 to sponsor a hole.
2. The Benefits Office has a Health Clinic at 2714 Union Ext, 5th floor and it is open from 9 am to 1 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. \$15 co-pay per visit for retirees and dependants. The phone number is 636-6010.
3. On December 31st members who have not paid dues since 2011 will be purged from the membership list. They will not receive a newsletter unless they pay their dues. This will affect 45 members.
4. ACRE will continue to monitor any proposed change in our healthcare benefits.

It should be noted that there were no motions from the floor.

Mike Lee called on James Smith to offer the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John M Johnson

John M. Johnson, Secretary

Questions from the audience:

- 1.** One member brought up an experience he has had. The member takes a prescription medication and when he sent off for a refill for 90 day supply they only sent 12 pills and said that was all they were going to send him on instructions from the City. (Frances advised the member to contact the Benefits office for an explanation).
- 2.** One member commented that the city cannot do anything about the pension on those already vested and drawing a pension. But if they increase the cost of healthcare then that does affect our pension. This is what ACRE needs to fight.
- 3.** One member said that many of the older retirees do not have connections to the internet and has to rely on some other means to find out what is going on. (Mike explained that that is why the important information is sent out in the newsletter).