

This was a Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 9:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair & Membership Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Winter, Member at Large.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, Area II Director.

MINUTES: There being no changes or corrections, the minutes of the 3/24/21 meeting were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was previously submitted by Palmer and showed a balance of \$4,995.96 as of 4/28/21.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the newsletter. In addition, she mentioned the City's proposal to restructure unfunded pension debt by means of a CalPERS pension obligation bond. Retired members received a notice from CalPERS concerning funds taken by an employee from certain individual retirement accounts. Assemblyman Gallagher and others had filed a lawsuit against the Governor for allegedly taking actions beyond his authority during the pandemic.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt referred members to his report in the newsletter. In addition, he mentioned influenza variants and their impacts during the pandemic, as well as a dire situation in India in attempting to minister to the many needs associated with the COVID virus there.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Raitt reported that 4 new members joined in the month of March and that current membership totaled 336. In reviewing statistics, he noted that the Chapter's membership has remained constant over the past several years.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido gave an update on preparation and mailing of the newsletter, together with information added to the web site.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin sent sympathy cards to the families of James Kirks and Tom Sawyer, and a get-well card to Ernest Sandoval.

AREA II DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Klaves referred members to his report in the newsletter, which was also addressed to the suspended Paradise Chapter, written 3/29/21. In addition, he mentioned SB 278, which was currently in a suspense file, concerning repayment of benefits received by members who

began working again after their retirement. JJ Jelincic filed a lawsuit against CalPERS to secure information about the fund from which travel expenses were paid for board members during the 2016-17 fiscal year. Abe Baily had volunteered to assist him in Area Director responsibilities until another Assistant Area Director was appointed.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger reported that details were contained in the newsletter about the speaker for the 5/6/21 meeting, Reverend Robert Morton of the Bethel AME Church. She was working with an individual for the September meeting to discuss long-term care, conservatorships and other topics.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Following discussion about the June membership meeting, Huntsinger moved that the meeting consist of the traditional barbeque and that the Chapter pay meal costs. The motion died for lack of a second. In response to questions, President Stump reported that the September membership meeting would consist of individual plates in lieu of a buffet, and that meal costs were yet to be determined. Members agreed to continue discussion at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on a motion by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary