

This Was a Virtual Meeting Held Via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Retired Public Employees Association – Chapter 077
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 - 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; Sharon Salcido, Newsletter Editor & Web Master; Al Raitt, Health Benefits Chair; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Judy Winter, Sunshine Chair.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joan Palmer, Treasurer; Michael Cassetta, Membership Chair.

OTHERS: Roger Klaves, Chapter Member.

MINUTES: There being no corrections to the minutes of the 1/24/24 meeting, they were approved as submitted.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There being no questions, the report will be filed as submitted. The balance as of 2/29/24 was \$3,868.29.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta referred members to her report in the Newsletter. It contained information on pending bills about homeowner insurance increases, higher energy costs, proposed amendments to the type of bags used by grocers, retail theft problems caused by Proposition 47, the increasing number of accidents on E-bikes, and the increasing number of deaths from drug use.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported on matters considered at the Stakeholders meeting held 2/15/24, including increases in expenditures by health care companies, the fact that 1% of those receiving health care were responsible for 40% of health care costs, CalPERS negotiating with health care companies to require high intensity care management, increasing costs for health care and pharmaceuticals, and having the health care plans present what coverages are provided and how the premium rates are developed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: A report from Cassetta reflected 397 members in December, and current membership at 398 with the addition of one new member. Beginning membership in 2023 was 322, and ending membership was 397, due to gaining 99 new members from the Paradise Chapter.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido provided a report on new procedures being utilized at the post office for mailing newsletters. Approximately 40% were transmitted by email and 60% by bulk mail. She also listed the items that were included and updated on the web site. *(Subsequent to this meeting Salcido reported that the current number was 243 via email and 155 via bulk mail, although the numbers change slightly each month due to some being returned as undeliverable.)*

SUNSHINE REPORT: Winter will send a sympathy card to the family of Esther Rores, and a get-well card to Abe Baily who is in the hospital.

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PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger reported that CSUC President Stephen Perez would be speaking at the March 7 membership meeting although he was expected to be a little late, and a representative of the Chico Housing Action Team (CHAT) in April.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary