

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, January 30, 2019, Farmer's Skillet, 690 Rio Lindo Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump at 9:10 a.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Joan Palmer.

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; Mary Kowta, Legislative Chair; Judy Winter, Membership Chair (appointed at today's meeting); Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Prazler, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large.

MINUTES: A motion by Huntsinger to approve the 12/19/18 minutes, was seconded and unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Palmer distributed copies of her report that showed a balance of \$2,514.38 as of 1/2/19. She noted that Newsletter costs had decreased since Salcido was doing those tasks previously performed by the Work Training Center, but luncheon expenses continued to be an issue since attendance was usually below the 40 guaranteed meals.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: In the Newsletter, Kowta reported briefly on Governor Newsom's proposed budget. The Governor has proposed that the State cover 3 years of lost property taxes due to the Camp Fire. Henry Jones is the new president of the Board of Administration for CalPERS, and has been a board member for the past 11 years. The #2 investment officer, Elisabeth Bourqui, has left CalPERS after about 6 months on the job.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt referred to his report in the Newsletter in which he noted that there is a proposal being made by CalPERS staff to the full Board for reducing the number of regions in California from 5 to 3 for the purpose of determining health insurance plan premium rates. Staff was interested in promoting less variability in premiums by reducing the number of regions to 3. The proposal applied only to public agencies and schools.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The President appointed, and the Board members confirmed, the appointment of Judy Winter as Membership Chair. Winter reviewed her discussions with Margaret Ballinger about the duties of the position and has picked up the materials that she had. However, she could be hampered by only having an I-Pad and no printer, and Stump indicated that he would determine where he might assist her. In December, there was damage to her mobile home due to pipes breaking underneath it. Evans reported that no action had yet been taken on the list of potential members previously sent from RPEA headquarters.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido indicated that the Newsletter was sent to members via email and bulk mail. There will be a small increase in bulk rates but 1st class postage was increasing to 55 cents. Stump will contact Roger Klaves about Paradise members continuing to attend Chico meetings, and Salcido will contact RPEA headquarters about securing a membership list and mailing labels for Paradise members in order that she could send out newsletters. In addition, the web site has been updated.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin will be sending a sympathy card to the family of Eleanor Johnson, get-well cards to Anna Bonin and Beverly Chinas, and thinking-of-you cards to Margaret Ballinger and Sandy Thomas.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger reported that the February meeting would feature Mary Jensen speaking on her husband Rudy's Rules for Travel: Life Lessons from Around the Globe.

PICNIC AND CHRISTMAS PARTY: After reviewing a list of meetings and events for 2019, Salvestrin agreed to assist Huntsinger in planning the June picnic. It was agreed that the 11:15 a.m. arrival time would stay the same, but that lunch would be served at 12:00 Noon since there was no business meeting. The July Board meeting date would be corrected to July 31, rather than July 24, since there was no membership meeting the following day. The December Christmas party will have members arriving at 11:15 a.m. and lunch would be served at 12:00 Noon since there was no business meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary