

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 9:00 A.M. – Farmer’s Skillet, 690 Rio Lindo Avenue

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Norman Stump, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Sharon Salcido.

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; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Lawrie Salvestrin Member at Large; Sandra Thomas, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large.

Craig Prazler was attending as a guest while he is in the process of reestablishing his membership. He provided a check (\$120) for 2 years of dues and will follow up with a new membership application at the next general meeting on April 5. The check and application will be forwarded to the State RPEA to reestablish his membership.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Ballinger, Membership Chair; Judy Winter, Member at Large.

MINUTES: The 2/21/18 minutes were approved as submitted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Palmer presented the report for the period ending 3/27/18 showing a balance of \$1,475.05.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Kowta reported on the CalPERS Board election scheduled for later this year. A recent bill submitted concerns state pension investments and climate change. The subject of divestment of investments in gun-related companies is under discussion by the Board.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reviewed his report in the Newsletter about recent bills introduced by the Legislature, which bills would be reviewed by CalPERS staff and the RPEA Legislative and Health Benefits Committees. Also, continuing negotiations by CalPERS for the past 2 or 3 months with the health insurance providers regarding premium rates and extent of coverages.

MEMBERSHIP AND SUNSHINE REPORTS: On behalf of Ballinger, Evans reported that there were no new members this month and that a get-well card was sent to Betty Stump.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido included the names and phone numbers of Board Members in the newsletter this month. She provided corrected email addresses to the State RPEA or had them move members to the U.S. Mail address list if they no longer had an email. She would mention past membership meeting programs in the newsletter when space permitted. The newsletter and upcoming programs were included on the web site. Kruger suggested Board minutes be added to the web site, and Stump suggested a notation about going to the web site if more information was needed on any items in the newsletter.

PROGRAM REPORT: After noting that the March program for the Paradise Chapter meeting was announced in the Enterprise-Record in the “Seniors” section, Kruger called the newspaper to ascertain how to achieve the same for Chico Chapter programs. She subsequently sent an email outlining the April

program and later making a personal visit to the newspaper. Palmer noted that there was an announcement in today's issue of the newspaper. Kruger will speak with Roger Klaves of the Paradise Chapter to determine the process he used for the Paradise Chapter meetings, and also noted that she was pleased that his Chapter often featured programs held at the Chico Chapter.

The May program will feature Mr. Tanimoto on his experiences in a WW II Japanese internment camp at Tule Lake.

JUNE PROGRAM & MEAL COSTS: Stump suggested the possibility of attendees making monetary and dessert donations, and members agreed with the President's suggestions. It was also agreed that hamburgers and hotdogs would be served as in the past, and that Stump would make appropriate arrangements with the Elks/Manzanita Place.

It was further agreed that meal costs would increase from \$15 to \$16 starting in September in an effort to offset some of the cost paid by the Chapter for unsold lunches each month and the fact that the Chapter would no longer be holding drawings. A notice will be posted in the newsletter.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Kruger suggested that Huntsinger provide the Thought for the Day at the April membership meeting since she failed to call on him at the March meeting when she was conducting the meeting in the President's absence.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary