

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
RETIRED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSN. – CHAPTER 77
Wednesday, October 24, 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 Secretary Barbara Evans.

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; (Vacant) Membership Chair; Lawrie Salvestrin, Sunshine Chair; Ralph Huntsinger, Past President; Judy Winter, Member at Large; Craig Praizler, Member at Large; James Gregg, Member at Large.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandra Thomas, Member at Large; Margaret Ballinger, Member at Large.

MINUTES: The minutes of the 9/26/18 meeting were accepted as presented, copies having been previously emailed to all board members.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Palmer provided copies of her report that showed a balance of \$1719.02 as of 10/24/18. The report was accepted as presented.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT: As reported in the Newsletter, Kowta noted the election of a new member to the CalPERS Board to represent public agencies. Three bills signed by the Governor related to pensions – SB 1022 requiring government agencies to notify employees and retirees if they are taking steps to leave CalPERS; AB 1912 prohibiting local governments from dissolving joint powers agreements unless they commit to full funding of pension obligations; and SB 1413 allowing agencies to create pre-fund accounts to help with revenue fluctuations and their ability to continue making payments to CalPERS for employee pensions.

HEALTH BENEFITS REPORT: Raitt reported that the Newsletter contained his full report on federal legislation that would lift the “gag order” clause in contracts between pharmacies and insurance companies or pharmacy benefit managers which prohibited pharmacists from telling customers when they can save money by paying the pharmacy’s lower cash price instead of the price negotiated by their insurance plan.

NEWSLETTER & WEB SITE REPORT: Salcido reported on actions taken to prepare, print, affix labels and seals, and deliver the Newsletters to the post office for bulk mailing. She also reported on information contained and/or updated on the web site.

SUNSHINE REPORT: Salvestrin reported on contacting former board member Bobbie Svihus.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The following suggestions were agreed upon relating to the Christmas Party at Manzanita Place/Elks Lodge on 12/6/18:

- RPEA would have the same menu as the SIRS organization which meets at the same time in another room, and the menu would be printed in the December Newsletter.
- Winter will call Thomas to determine if she may have made any advance plans for the party.
- The President will give the Elks Lodge an estimated attendance of 65.

- The Oroville and Paradise Chapters will be invited.
- Music will be arranged by Huntsinger and Prazler will collect donations for the band members. (An accordion band was also suggested??)
- RPEA members will be asked to make donations for lunch.
- Gregg will sell photos and give 40% of profits to the chapter.
- Next meeting discuss desserts, wine, poinsettias, etc.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: At the President's request, Huntsinger, as chair of the nominating committee, reported that all 4 of the current elected officers agreed to serve another term of office (Norman Stump, President; Betsy Kruger, Vice President; Barbara Evans, Secretary; Joan Palmer, Treasurer). A report will be made at the November 1 Membership meeting.

PROGRAM REPORT: Kruger indicated that a member of the Chico Police Department and a member of the Volunteers in Police Service would speak at the November meeting on safety measures during the holidays. At the request of Roger Klaves, Area II Assistant Director, she contacted Diane McCray from the Paradise Chapter about forming a committee to determine if any plans could be made for joint trips or other events for the chapters. Lastly, Area II Director Abe Baily asked her to contact OLLI about a possible program in January.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY & KEEPING ON SCHEDULE AT MEETINGS: Huntsinger agreed to provide the Thought for the Day at the November 1 meeting. Secretary Evans reported that she was aware of at least two members not being able to have lunch at the October membership meeting because the program ran into the time that lunch was usually served. It was agreed that the President would alert speakers when their time was running out.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. on a motion by Huntsinger that was seconded and unanimously carried.

Barbara A. Evans, Secretary