

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of September 25, 2018

1. Call to Order at 10:07 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Kirk Hinsey, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Cindy Michels, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Michele Smith, Susie Sommer, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig. **Chapter Chairs;** Rob Johan, Marion Pickens, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen, Ellen Shamah. **Members;** Susan Austin, John Campbell, Joe Carter, Cindy Coleman, Norma Jimenez, Nancy Putman, RaeAnn Rumery, Paula Salas, Janice Squash, Jean Stephenson, Linda Thieken, Maria Vinales, Sandy Waring. **Staff;** **Guests;**

Guests were welcomed and introduced by President Horwin.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Matteson/Calhoun) **Approved**
3. Approval of the minutes of April, 2017 (Mehok/Somo) **Approved**
4. Membership Processing was to be part of committee day.
5. Membership Outreach was to be part committee day.

6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$103,721
Liabilities	\$ 24,521
Equity	\$ 79,199

(See written report for more information.)

Linder shared information about the specific lines of the budget. He reported that AEA-R will be paying a more for QuickBooks. He explained the check detail.

(See written report for more information.)

Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (K. Freed/Somo)

Passed

7. New Business Item-None

8. Officers' Report

President

Horwin-Shared that our accountants, Horne and Horne, sent a proposal of \$1,000 to complete AEA-Retired taxes. She asked the board if that was acceptable. The board voted yes, to have them submit our IRS report again this year.

She discussed ARSC Grant that she is working on. The amount is changed to \$64,000 which requires a 50% match. Our partners and Julie are each working on getting support from our partners in ARSC.

Horwin announced that Deb Cross has been kind enough to volunteer to do the copying of the Board Packets.

The Board was informed that Todd Crenshaw has committed to additional funds to fund M.O.R.E. and New Educator Project for an additional year.

The President shared that for the NEA Summit, AEA-Retired has budgeted to spend \$1,000 each to send 3 or more participants. She asked that those wishing to go visit the NEA Leadership Competencies and take the self-evaluation in at least one of the Competency Areas.

AEA Alternate Director Messing-shared that for the first time in 10 years, AEA did not have to utilize savings to pay expenses. She announced the AEA-Retired members of AEA committees and shared that Committee Day is December 15. It was also reported that Membership, in all categories, is up with the active membership up 1,218 cert and 70 ESP.

Messing reported that the AEA/AEASO negotiations has not reached settlement. This is true even though the Bargaining Teams have reached tentative agreement twice.

NEA-RA Delegate Matteson-shared that she was charged with the responsibility of being in charge of the NEA-Retired PAC Fundraising. NEA-Retired delegates donated/raised \$35,000 for the Fund and another \$15,000 through the sale of the quilt raffle.

She shared that David Hogg, Parkland, Fla, the young high school student from the Parkland H.S. shootings was an outstanding keynote speaker.

The NEA Fund raised over \$1M during the RA, and, Arizona beat Michigan in the per delegate donations thanks in large part to the retired delegates.

(See written report included in the packet.)

9. ASRS

Currently the Fund has \$40B and is funded at 70.5%. The funding status reported by Pew is dragged down by the other Arizona retirement funds including Public Safety and others.

Ramos shared that ASRS and United Healthcare have reached an agreement on what to do with the excess monies collected by United Healthcare from ASRS members. This agreement, the Retrospective Rate Adjustment Agreement, will create savings in the 2019 year. It means that if you are using the ASRS medicare supplements your payments will be much less. One needs to check the included chart for their savings. (See written report Ramos included in the packet.)

10. Fundraising

Though the committee will meet during the lunch break, M. Freed shared that she has been gathering items to act as supplemental giveaway items. Also, Nancy Putman has made arrangements for another Quilt. Last year AEA-Retired took in \$1,900 and this year the committee has set a goal of \$2,019 to match the year.

12. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)-The meeting dates have been set for the West Valley Chapter. The chapter will meet Oct.4, Dec.6, Feb. 7 and April 4 during school year 2018-19. All meetings are held at Biscuits Café, 19420 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, AZ, 85308 at 10:00a.m. **The next meeting is Thursday October 4, 2017.**

Mesa (HydrickSomo)-The **Next meeting is Nov. 1, 2018** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8th floor of the MPS Building, 10:45, with conversation, yummy food, fun raffles and important information. The Sept. 12th meeting had a speaker from the Arizona Advocacy Network, Joel Edman, who shared information the on the 5 ballot measures. There were 38 in attendance.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)-The **next meeting will be on October 15** at the Denny's Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. at 11:00. At the first meeting of the year, Sept. 17th, the guest speaker was Stephanie Parra, AEA lobbyist. There were 4 new members added to the group.

Kyrene/Tempe/Chandler (Shamah)-The **first meeting will be on October 2** with candidates in attendance.

Tucson (Pickens)-Much of the summer was spent collecting signatures for propositions and attempting to phone members who had not yet shared their email addresses. The first 2 meetings of the year the chapter focused on the upcoming election and included a presentation by the League of Women Voters on the ballot issues. The **Next meeting is October 16**, at the TEA office. We continue to ask our members to get involved in working for our endorsed candidates.

Phoenix (Smith)-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, on the third Tuesday of alternate months in Elaine's Dining Room. The next meeting is **Nov. 20 at 10:30**. At the last meeting, in Sept., a guest, the President of the retired community college faculty members discussed the formation of a coalition to work towards proper education funding. The chapter agreed to support Pro-education candidates and work to defeat Prop 305 and to pass Prop 127.

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)-The chapter met on Aug. 30 at La Casita Restaurant in Sierra Vista. A dozen members caught up on summer activities, the status of the propositions and candidates who are friends to education. The **next meeting is yet to be determined**.

Yavapai (Johan)-The Yavapai chapter's **next meeting will be Thursday Oct. 11th**, followed by Nov. 15, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11 and May 16. The first meeting of the year was Sept. 13 at which Vice-Chair Pondish disseminated information in opposition to Prop 305. The chapter also reviewed the LD-1 candidates meeting, the organizing meeting for Unite for Ed, and the visit to YEI. We also discussed meetings and guest speakers for the coming year. Steve Ramos, Julie Horwin and a representative from NEA Member Benefits are being invited to speak. A joint venture with Prescott "We value Our Teachers Foundation" is a possibility.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The chapter meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, with the **next meeting on Oct. 2 at 10:00**, in the Flagstaff Federated Church basement room. At the Sept. 4 meeting the members discussed the #RedForEd movement, the primary election results, FUSD ballot measures and Insurance Update and a Gun Violence update by expert Sue Strobel. Updates on specific areas were provided and all were encouraged to continue becoming an expert on specific issues. Areas included; Update on Invest in Ed, Dark Money, retention of AZ Supreme Court Justices, AEA recommended candidates, No on Prop 305, Stones phones and post card writing to our legislators. Also, on Aug. 7 the chapter had an open meeting to visit with the 3 AEA endorsed candidates.

Marana (Cozad)-No report provided

13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans - Somo discussed the upcoming Alliance Convention in Las Vegas Nov. 13-15 and encouraged AEA-Retired members to take part.
(See written report Somo included in the packet.)

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig shared information about the PCIC (Tucson) Accountability Session and the major effort that VIP and PCIC made in collecting #Invest in Ed signatures.
(See written report Wittig included in the packet.)

C. Arizona School Counselors - Cicero continues to liaison the AEA-Retired with the counselors organizations. She indicated that the ASCA will be drafting a bill on behalf of school counselors.

14. Intergenerational Mentoring

Vinares reported they have started the training of mentors and mentees. There continues to be lots of interest and would appreciate assistance in seeking out additional people in the Phoenix area.

15. M.O.R.E.

Somo shared the plans for the year which have been discussed during 2 virtual meetings. Plans include political action activities, trainings and social gatherings.

16. Annual Meeting

Austin shared a final report on the 2018 Annual Meeting, which was the largest (126 registrants) ever. She thanked all for their assistance, especially Co-Chair Cicero. The keynote speakers, DVR and Joe Thomas were greatly appreciated.

The Board and AEA-Retired members present, thanked Suzan for the outstanding job she has done and congratulated her on being the 2018 recipient of the Les Reynolds Distinguished Service Award.

(See written report Austin included in the packet.)

17. Half-back Raffle of \$32 was won by Austin.

18. Adjournment at 1:41. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

****Notes ****

A lunch break of 20 minutes was taken. This was followed by the conclusion of the meeting and then by Committee Day meetings.

Thanks to Nancy Riley for agreeing to take care of future lunch arrangements!!

THANKS to Susie, Nancy, Marion, Ann, Sally, Rob, Janie, Michele and Tricia for submitting their chapter chair reports in writing.