

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting  
Minutes of April 9, 2019

1. Call to Order at 10:00 by President Horwin

**Board members** in attendance; Julie Horwin, Janie Hydrick, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Kirk Hinsey, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Cindy Michels, Carmen Peters, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Susie Sommer, Connie Wittig. **Chapter Chairs;** JoAnne Bianos, Rob Johan, Nancy Riley, Ellen Shamah, Sally Rosen. **Members;** Aurora Aber, Susan Austin, John Campbell, Janice Dwosh, Ellie Feldner, Howard Johnson, Marshal Militano, Nancy Putman, Jean Stephenson, Maria Vinaras. **Staff;** Margaret Sleeper. **Guests;**

Guests were welcomed by President Horwin.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Hydrick/Linder)

**Approved**

3. Approval of the minutes of March 12, 2019 (Hydrick/Mehok)

**Approved**

4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2182 members with 1588 using dues deduct. We have 72 new members this year. The chair noted that we have 1 less member than last year.  
(See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Outreach Co-chair Roach thanked Putman and Smith for presenting last months report. The sign-up for working at the membership booth was circulated. Continue to work on the Adopt-A-Local program. Make certain to request to join in on local retirement celebrations. Check with the local as to who is retiring. There will be many opportunities to win a prize at the Delegate Assembly.

6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets           \$112,729

Liabilities       \$ 22,901

Equity           \$ 89,828

(See written report for more information.)

Linder shared information about the specific lines of the budget and compared the budgeted with the actual expenses. He discussed the ASRC funding, which is being donated by several like-minded unions. These are the funds which pay for the lobbyist. He noted that the "Travel" section of the Executive Board line is over expended, but the total expenditure will be within the budget.

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

**Passed**

7. Elections-No Report

8. New Business Item-None

9. Officers' Report

**President Horwin**-thanked those present for a very successful year. She shared that every slide show that was presented at the Summit included at least 3 pictures of something going on in Arizona because of the leaders in this room. Each one of us does what we can to help promote and engage others in our work, whether at the State Legislature, recruiting new active or retired members to join AEA, and promoting the goals and aims of AEA.

**Vice-President Hydrick**- explained that the AARA, a branch of the AFL/CIO, is reaching out and asking individuals (\$10) to join even if they are group members. Many in the room did as requested. This will help provide economic support for our issues. She shared about a presentation by NJEA. This included that all political action is done during the time the legislature is not in session. A grant will be prepared to fund the emulation of this program.

**Secretary K. Freed**-thanked the chapter chairs for assisting in getting their reports to him for publication.

**Liaison Sleeper**-shared her dashboard and asked that it not be shared out of the Board Room. She noted, in that report, all membership listed is as of that day. It was shared that the ESP's are making a committed effort to overtake AEA-Retired in membership. Mortgages for the two properties that are owned by AEA have been refinanced at a favorable rate, with a 15 year mortgage on each. The AEA Board has moved money from one fund to another so that money is there to fill the needs of the Association. A discussion of how AEA-Retired can take part in the EMO took place. More information is to come forward.

(See written report for more information.)

**AEA Alternate Director Messing**-shared that Executive Assistant, Chris Mayer, is retiring in November. The hiring of a new executive Director is moving forward.

(See written report for more information.)

10. ASRS

Chair Ramos shared that he and Stephenson will be meeting with the ASRS Health care people. He sat in on a meeting of Actives to determine if Return-to-work people are eligible for Association membership. Arizona will continue to follow NEA guidelines. A report will come out at Delegate Assembly.

11. Political Action

Chair Messing talked about being in the gallery at the Legislature during the discussion of ERA and how disappointing it is to hear some of the legislators talk about the (subservient) women in their lives.

She discussed several bills. Included were the death of the "wage discrimination" bill and the "teachers can't wear red" bill, which is still being considered.

(See printed report for more information.)

12. Chapter Chair Reports

**West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)**-The meeting is held at Biscuits Café, 19420 N. 59<sup>th</sup> Ave., Glendale. **The next meeting is Thursday October 3.** Gilbert Romero, assistant director of Outlaw Dirty Money, was the April speaker. Petitions in support were distributed to be taken home and then circulated.

**Mesa (Hydrick)**-The **Next meeting is May 8, 2019** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the MPS Building, 10:45, with lunch at 11:00. The guests will be Mesa School Board Members Marcie Hutchinson and Kiana Sears and an AEA officer.

**Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Dwosh)**-The **next meeting will be on Apr. 15** at the Denny's Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. at 11:00 a.m. with Craig Harris, Arizona Republic investigative reporter, speaking about his award winning series on charter schools. This chapter supports the Justa Center and the Kinnaman Fund. All are welcome to attend.

**Kyrene/Tempe/Chandler (Shamah)**-The **next meeting will be on April 17** at the Hillside Café in Ahwatukee on Warner and 48<sup>th</sup> St. at 4:30. The guest speakers will be members of the school boards from Kyrene and Tempe Union. They will form a panel to answer questions from those in attendance. Also, 3 state legislators from the area are invited to attend.

Active, as well as retired members are invited to attend.

**Tucson (Matteson)**-The **Next meeting is April 16** at the Tucson EA Office, 5447 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, at 10:00 a.m. when we will be hearing from Dean Bruce Johnson, the Dean of the UA College of Education. He will outline the many new opportunities available to students who wish to follow a career in education.

**Phoenix (K. Freed)**-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, in Elaine's Dining Room on **May 21st at 10:30**. Lunch is \$10 including the tip. The speaker is yet to be determined.

**Southeast Arizona (Rosen)**-The **next meeting will be on Monday, May 6**, at 5:00p.m., at the Mande Le Restaurant, on S. Hwy 5 in the Canyon de Flores complex, Sierra Vista.

**Yavapai (Johan)**-The **next meeting will be Thursday April 11**, at 11:15 at Augie's in Prescott. The next social event will be a guided tour of the Yavapai County C-Tec facilities at the end of April. At the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, information on the AEA-Retired Board meeting and updates on the legislature took up much of the time.

**Flagstaff (Roach)**-The chapter meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, with the **next meeting, on May 7 at 10:00**, in the Flagstaff Federated Church basement room. In April we discussed FEA membership recruitment expanding to Humbolt, the Retiree Luncheon in May and had a report from Sue Strobel on gun violence. There were updates on RedforEd, Betsy DeVos, Special Olympics budget, Legislative bills and retirement issues

### 13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-(Hydrick)-See vice-president's report. Doug Hart is stepping down as President.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-(C. Wittig)-Provided a written report which included information Arizona Career Pathways, asylum seekers and the VIP relationship with the new mayor of Phoenix.

(See written report for more information.)

C. Arizona School Counselors-(Cicero)-reported on the events going on in the National Counselor's Association.

14. Annual Meeting (Austin)

Austin asked that all reports be sent to her by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Reminded Board Members to bring a wrapped prize worth \$5-\$10 and an unwrapped item for the PAC Fundraiser worth \$10 or more. She shared that there would be a special voucher for hotel reimbursement and that the appropriate NEAPAC donation is \$50.

The Board was told that they would be the facilitators of table discussions at the Delegate Assembly and to review the document in our packet.

Evaluation will be on line. Wear purple on Friday and Red on Saturday.

(See written reports for more information.)

15. M.O.R.E. (Austin)

No report

16. Fundraising (M. Freed)

The theme of this year's quilt is "School Days." M. Freed reminded people to sell raffle tickets and shared that \$780 towards a goal of \$2019 has already been turned in to her. Please sign up to help at the Fundraising booth.

17. Intergenerational Mentoring (Vinaras)

The cohort groups will have an end of year celebration on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a continued good relationship with the ASU coordinator at the site.

18. The Half-back Raffle of \$39 was won by Linder.

19. Adjournment at 1:45. We next meet at the Annual Meeting, Fri., May 10, 2019.

**\*\*Notes\*\***

A lunch break of 24 minutes was taken.

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

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