

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of April 11, 2017

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

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Nancy Putman, Kathy Ramage-White, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Sally Rosen, Michelle Smith, Susie Sommer, Jean Stephenson, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. **Chapter Chairs**; Rob Johan, Marilyn Calhoun, Ellie Feldner, Nancy Riley, Ann Myers. **Members**; Shirley Boswell, Norma Jimenez, Jan Nichols, Carmen Peters, Maria Vinales, Christine Ehlis. **Staff**;

Matteson was asked to share relative to the funeral of Past President Kathy Campbell and the hat was passed to assist her husband, John, with unexpected expenses.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (K. Freed/Zuniga) **Approved**
3. Approval of the minutes of February, 2017 (Austin/Zuniga) **Approved**
4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2185 members with 1627 using dues deduct. We have 88 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)
5. Membership Outreach chair, Putman/Smith, indicated that there was \$270 spent this year in recruiting new members signed by Board. The chairs are planning on attending as many local retirement parties as possible to recruit new members.
6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$82,399
Liabilities	\$21,787
Equity	\$60,611

(See written report for more information.)

Linder shared information about the specific lines of the budget. He asked the Board to consider this report as we enter into discussion of the budget.

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

Passed
7. Budget Recommendations
Somo, with assistance from Linder, went through the **Draft** budget line by line and indicated the changes from the previously proposed budget.
Move to accept as printed. (Budget Committee)

Passed
8. New Business Items-None

9. Officers' Reports

President Horwin-Prepared a written report for the Board and highlighted several specific areas.

She shared the process for Board Members and Chapter Chairs to be funded for the AEA Awards Luncheon. Anyone wishing to go would pay a share of the cost over the \$600 paid by AEA-Retired. There are 13 people wishing to attend, and each will need to contribute \$14.00.

President Horwin presented the AEA-Retired Calendar for 2017-2018. Additions were placed on the calendar.

Motion to approve the calendar. (Sommer/M. Freed)

Passed

Vice-President Austin-reported on the Annual meeting preparation and reminded us to ask for the AEA rate when registering for the hotel. She reminded us of the request for the Board to bring a wrapped door prize item of \$5-\$10 and an unwrapped item costing \$10-\$15 to the Annual Meeting. Sign-up sheets were circulated for jobs at the Annual Meeting.

(See written reports for additional information.)

Liaison Sleeper-Not in attendance

AEA Director Barlow-Not in attendance.)

AEA Fund Council Representative Somo-No new information at this time.

Secretary K. Freed-Thank those in attendance for their cooperation and assistance with the Kinnaman Raffle.

10. ASRS

Ramos reported that due to media attention, the Governor has now made some appointments to the Board. However, the Senate has not taken action. The most recent Board meeting was canceled as it was impossible to get a quorum, since the Board doesn't have the requisite 5 to make a quorum.

11. Political Action

Messing indicated that the one thing that the Governor dislikes is being contacted by constituents. That being the case, she asked that we give the Governor a call and "Bug" him about those things which are clearly anti **public** education. To assist in that endeavor, a list of phone numbers was provided for the legislators and the Governor.

(See written report for additional information.)

12. Fundraising

Chairperson M. Freed shared that AEA-Retired has already collected just under \$600 in raffle ticket sales and asked for the continued assistance of the Board. She thanked those in attendance for signing up to work the table at Delegate Assembly, donating and for selling tickets.

13. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)-Met on April 6 at Iron Works Restaurant.

Those in attendance were asked to help sign up members, especially those who are retiring this May. Jan Nichols led a discussion of the latest bills in the state legislature. Members were reminded of the AEA Delegate Assembly and the AEA-Retired Annual Meeting. **The next meeting is Thursday October 5, 2017.**

Mesa (Somo)-The **Next meeting is May 10** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8th floor of the MPS Building, 10:45, where the discussion will be about a proposed 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This amendment, would simply state that “Corporations are not people. Money is not speech.” Slogans will be stamped on individuals’ money, such as “Not to be used for paying politicians.” Join us for conversation, information, food and raffles.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)-The **next meeting will be on May 15** at the Denny’s Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. The guest presentation at the March 20 meeting was from Sister Cities. The group addressed post cards to Senators Flake and McCain as well as the White House asking for the defense of senior issues. Donations to the Kinnaman Fund were collected as well as books/magazines for the Lodestar Learning Center.

Kyrene/Tempe/Chandler (Feldner)-The chapter will no longer be functioning as the chair is moving and no one is currently willing to take a leadership position. Those who interested are encouraged to attend the East Valley Chapter in Mesa.

Tucson (Calhoun)-At the March 21 meeting items discussed included the Delegate Assembly, the AEA Board report, political issues and the status of bills of concern to retirees. The “guest” speaker was Karen Uhlich, a member of the Tucson City Council, who shared her experiences and duties as a council woman. The **Next meeting is April 18** at the TEA office at 10:00a.m..

Phoenix (Smith)-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, on **May 16 at 10:30**. The hope is the guest speaker will be Ken Clark. The meeting will be held in Elaine’s Dining Room. This will be last meeting of the year.

Southern Arizona (Rosen)-The meeting on Thursday evening, March 23, took place at the Peacock Restaurant in Sierra Vista. The fifteen members present had a discussion around the ESA vote in the legislature

Yavapai (Johan)-The chapter is moving forward and the **next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19** at the Prescott Family Diner with Steve Ramos as the speaker.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The chapter meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, with the **next meeting on May 2 at 10:00**. At the April meeting the members discussed Bills in the Arizona Legislature, climate change, the new FUSD Superintendent, a Governing Board opening, the FUSD Retiree Luncheon and an AEA-Retired pre-retirement seminar in Flagstaff. Updates on specific areas were provided and all were encouraged to continue becoming an expert on a specific issue.

15. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-Horwin indicated that Rebecca Friend has resigned as Executive Director of the AFL-CIO and that the Alliance has hired

Patricia Bollinger to work on Outreach. Also there will be an Alliance Convention in September.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig shared a written report that included a list of non-religious groups who are part of AIN. (Unfortunately, AEA-Retired was unintentionally omitted.) He reminds us that “Quality Public Education continues to be a primary goal” of the AIN.

C. Arizona School Counselors-Cicero continues to liaison the AEA-Retired with the counselors organizations. She thanked everyone for their assistance. It was also announced that this group has named **Anna Cicero as the Advocate of the Year.**

16. Les Reynolds Award

C. Wittig shared with the Board the Les Reynolds Plaque which has the name and year of each awardee. Steve Ramos’s name will be added for 2017

17. Half-back Raffle of \$30 was won by Ehlis.

18. Adjournment at 12:32. The next meeting is the Friday, May 12, 217 Annual Meeting.

****Notes ****

Lunch was taken following the conclusion of the meeting.

Many **THANKS** to Susie, Nancy, Marilyn, Ann, Sally, Rob, Janie, Ellie and Tricia for submitting their chapter chair reports in writing.