

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of October 9, 2018

1. Call to Order at 10:05 by President Horwin

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, 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, Juan Zuniga. **Chapter Chairs;** Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen, Ellen Shamah. **Members;** Aurora Aber, Susan Austin, John Campbell, Janice Dwosh, Howard Johnson, Nancy Putman, Jean Stephenson, Maria Vinares. **Staff; Guests;**

Guests were welcomed and introduced by President Horwin.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (M. Freed/Zuniga) **Approved**
3. Approval of the minutes of Sept., 2018 (K. Freed/Mehok) **Approved**
4. Membership Processing Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2206 members with 1605 using dues deduct. We have 38 new members this year.
(See printed report for more information.)
5. Membership Outreach shared that they have started contacting 231 former actives who have recently retired. They will contact them first by letter, then by mail chimp and finally by phone. Also, they shared the new tri-fold and posters.
(See printed report for more information.)
6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$99,776
Liabilities	\$24,192
Equity	\$75,583

(See written report for more information.)

Linder shared information about the specific lines of the budget and explained the check detail.

Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (Peters/Zuniga)

Passed
7. Audit Chair Peters shared that the audit had been completed and that it was a “clean” audit. There were no errors or irregularities.
(See printed report for more information.)
Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (Peters/Sommer)

Passed

8. New Business Item-President Horwin brought a motion to use half of the Kinnaman Quilt Raffle Income for New Educator celebrations. (Horwin/C. Wittig) This was discussed and it was determined that there was more information needed and clearer language desired. Motion was **Tabled** until the January meeting.

9. Officers' Report

President Horwin-Shared that AEA has hired 6 retirees to call actives that have dropped their dues deduct. Those that have retired are asked to join AEA-Retired.

She discussed ARSC Grant that she is working on. The amount requested is \$65,000 which requires a 50% match from AEA-Retired allies.

Horwin shared that she was in D.C. during the confirmation hearing. She felt the anger at the demonstration. She noted that the Capitol Police were on High alert.

The Board was informed about bills that were dropped that would negatively impact education and educators.

The President shared that NEA will partially fund 2 members for the NEA Summit, March 15-18 in Denver. She has chosen Myers and Messing. AEA-Retired has budgeted \$3,700 for additional participants. The Board was asked their opinion on how many more should be sent.

Vice-President Hydrick-Not in attendance.

Liaison Sleeper-Not in attendance

AEA Alternate Director Messing-No information since the last meeting.

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

10. ASRS

Bills have been dropped that will affect ASRS. A bill by SMART Schools would eliminate there ACR.

The ASRS has decided not to notify the members of the change in cost due to the Retrospective Rate Adjustment Agreement. The savings will appear in 2019 and then be explained.

Chair Ramos will added to the AEA Return to Work Committee.

11. Political Action

Messing reported that the AEA-Retired lobby days will be Jan. 23 and Feb. 13. We will also support the Counselors lobby day on Feb. 25.

GOTV cards were distributed and the Board was asked to make sure that at least 10 of their friends were encouraged to vote. We were also reminded to be sure to go down to the end of the ballot as all elections are important.

It was also shared that President Thomas sounded urgent in the most recent conference call.

(See printed report for more information.)

12. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)-The meeting on Oct. 4 at Biscuits Café, 19420 N. 59th Ave., Glendale, attracted 3 new members. At the meeting there were discussions about ASRS, United HealthCare, Intergenerational Mentoring, AEA membership and Arizona's student to counselor ratio. Further, they discussed the upcoming elections, propositions and candidates. **The next meeting is Thursday December 6, 2018.**

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.

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 a.m. with Jessica Wani and Allegra Fullerton from Save Our Schools as the speakers.

Kyrene/Tempe/Chandler (Shamah)-The **next meeting will be on December 4** at Native Grill and Wings on Ray Rd. west of I-10 from 4:30 to 6:30. Those in attendance will share conversation and information on AEA and ASRS. The Oct. 2 meeting had Morgan Dick from the Arizona Advocacy Network as a speaker, as well as several candidates.

Tucson (Pickens)-The **Next meeting is October 16**, at the TEA office, 5447 E. 5th St. at 10:00 a.m. We continue to ask our members to get involved in working for our endorsed candidates and will review what each has done during this campaign season.

Phoenix (Smith)-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, in Elaine's Dining Room on **Nov. 20 at 10:30**. Lunch is \$10 including the tip and there will be discussion around the upcoming election.

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)- The **next meeting will be Oct. 25th at 5:00** at the Indo China Restaurant, located at 1301 E. Fry Blvd. Conversation about the upcoming election will be featured.

Yavapai (Johan)-The Yavapai chapter's **next meeting will be Thursday Nov. 15th**. The Oct. 11 meeting was cancelled due to loss of the meeting place.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The chapter meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, with the **next meeting on Dec. 4 at 10:00**, in the Flagstaff Federated Church basement room. At the Oct. 2 meeting 3 guest speakers spoke about the ballot Propositions: Prop 305, Prop 127 and the FUSD bond and override measures. Other propositions were discussed in less detail.

13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-Horwin shared concerns about the attack on Social Security.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig shared that he had written to 450 people about the upcoming election. K. Freed indicated 10 participants had been "guaranteed" for the recent PCIC Accountability session and more than 30 attended. AEA-Retired ROCKS!

(See written report Wittig included in the packet.)

C. Arizona School Counselors-No report

14. Intergenerational Mentoring

Vinares reported that on Monday they will have a meeting to recruit more students into the program. They have worked with the mentees on how to have a professional conversation.

(See printed report for more information.)

15. M.O.R.E.

Somo shared the plans for the year which have been discussed during 2 virtual meetings. Plans include Mixers in Tucson on Feb. 20 at the YWCA from 10-3 and at AEA headquarters on Feb. 21 from 10-3.

(See printed report for more information.)

16. Half-back Raffle of \$31 was won by Zuniga. He donated his winnings to the collection for the children and women being held by the Federal Government at St. Pius X. These political prisoners are to be dispersed throughout the United States

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

****Notes ****

A lunch break of 15 minutes was taken.

\$260 was raised for blankets, clothing etc. for the political prisoners.

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