



AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting Tuesday March 10, 2020 minutes.

AEA- Headquarters 345 E. Palm Ln., Phoenix:

Attendees: Julie Horwin, Janie Hydrick, Janice Dwosh, Ken Freed , Shirley Boswell, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Barbara Matteson, Luci Messing, Cindy Michaels, Marshall Militano, Ann Myers, Carmen Peters, Nancy Putman, Steve Ramos, Linda Somo, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga, Sally Rosen, Michele Smith, Jan Nichols, Gary Mehok, Aurora Aber, Howard Johnson , Nancy Riley, Danny Barlow, Susie Sommer, Suzan Austin, Norma Jimenez , Rob Johan

Absences excused: Marilyn Calhoun, Julie Cozad , Margaret Sleeper , Steve Linder

- 1. Call to Order, Julie Horwin at 10:02 a.m.**
Guests: Sandy Warns, Paula Mueller
- 2. Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, March 10, 2020** motion by Ken Freed , Seconded by Connie Wittig
Motion approved with flexibility.
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 11, 2020 – Janice Dwosh.** motion by Ken Freed, seconded by Juan Zuniga
Motion was approved.
- 4. Financials – Steven Linder** Financials moved to be approved by Ken Freed seconded by Danny Barlow
Motion approved. See attachments for details of the financials.
Proposed budget for 2020-2021 —discussion regarding the NEA leadership summit request for additional funding. Motion passed for additional funding (additional \$2,000) for \$10,000 total. After the discussion Linda Somo called for the question, Danny Barlow Seconded. Motion passed to add the \$2,000 for NEA Leadership Summit to budget.to now total \$10,000 for this line item.
Moved adoption of the budget by Linda Somo, seconded by Carmen Peters. Budget passed .
- 5. Membership – Shirley Boswell.**
2,160 AEA -Retired members as of last month down to ,2148 AEA retired members (As of Feb. 29th). Down overall 12 members for AEA-retired. 3 brand new members this month were added to AEA-Retired. Membership is going down for the 70-90 age group, other age groups not growing as quickly as needed. Julie will forward info regarding age and membership statistics .
- 6. Membership Outreach –Nancy Putman, Shirley Boswell, Michele Smith.**
Luci received \$10 for a new member joining. At the annual meeting Exec board members are needed at the membership table, as well as at the Caucus meetings . Other suggestions for adopt a local liaisons: Support Teacher Appreciation day, help with gift cards for retirement celebrations and volunteer with new educator events.
- 7. Officers' Reports**
Julie Horwin – President : Local actives are appreciating our support for new educators and membership.
Attended DNC committee meeting to assist with getting Mark Kelly and other pro public education candidates elected. NEA-RA elections are occurring and all retired members will be allowed to vote. The computer glitch will be corrected so that all voices will be heard.
NEA leadership summit — was cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, AEA-Retired will reimburse funding for those that made airline reservations and can't get their full refunds.
Janie Hydrick—Vice President. Celebration Lunch for Women in Organized Labor March 27th \$10 pay at the door. NEA senior counsel info given out and will be sent out to the board . Please work on Petitions for Invest in Ed, candidate petitions and health care rising petitions. Do not support the Save our Schools petitions to cap ESA vouchers (it raises the number of kids to 1%). AEA opposes supporting any vouchers at all.
Documents committee— Janie needs names if you would like to be on the committee . Meet next month in April (volunteers : Carmen Peters, Linda Somo , Julie Horwin, Juan Zuniga , Ann Myers, Ken Freed, Rob Johan, Steve Linder, Ellie Feldner)

AEA Board — Ken Freed and Luci Messing: Leah Rossow has left, temp person is there right now in her position for the month.

AEA- potential constitutional amendment : why do we only have one retired member on the AEA board? Based on our retired members do we need to have an additional AEA director to account for our number of members?. We are equally represented 1 to 25 at the Delegate assembly along with all other groups. Board Members are split over this issue . Ken is asking for our approval to go forward, but the executive board decided it was not in our best interest at this time to go forward with this request.

Margaret Sleeper – AEA Liaison — unavailable today.

Marshall shared about the ESP conference (Becky Pringle VP of NEA)— inspirational speech, building relationships and one on one conversations. ESP’s need to feel included as part of the team at AEA.

8. Political Action/Legislative Action –Luci Messing. Invest in Ed petitions and updates
Lobby days were both successful!. Check the monthly report for more information. End of May first call in to submit petitions. But please turn in when completed. Civic engagement beyond voting www.cebv.us.
Spend a day helping with a campaign —try to find time to assist somewhere in the state.

9. New Business— Julie Horwin running for NEA Board —representing retired. Moved to have AEA- retired endorse Julie by Shirley Boswell and was seconded by Nancy Putnam. Unanimous vote approved the motion.

10. ASRS – Steve Ramos : coalition is in existence. No bills dropped this term so far, but can still happen in this session. SB 1033 will be heard this week ASRS self insurance bill. Ken Freed Moved to donate \$100 to be taken from gifts/awards on behalf of Paul Matson’s mother’s passing . Seconded by Linda Somo.Motion passed unanimously.
Please Check out Protectpensions.org for great information on pensions.

11a. Conduit -- Jan Nichols-- the current issue will be out shortly and is 12 pages long. Thanks for the articles and photos. Jan was published in a recent book, “Women Wronged” available on Amazon/Kindle.

11.b. MORE committee report — Linda Somo and Susie Sommer We have cancelled the next MORE meeting for April due to our busy schedule this Spring. Postponed until next October.

12. Fundraising -- Marilyn Freed— tickets due for the quilt, \$30 for the packet. Please help out with the fundraising!

13. AEA Annual meeting -- Anna Cicero. Friday May 8th-Sat. May 9th finalize the theme and get volunteers for signups, please review the info sheet and signup to assist . Keynote speaker will be Kareem Neal (last year’s AEA teacher of the year), Please bring a door prize that is wrapped, and unwrapped items for drawings.

14. Leaders for Just Schools -- Janice Dwosh, Ann Myers, Julie Horwin --

Diverse literature for children . Check out this link: <https://www.readacrossamerica.org/> . Give children opportunities to see others that are similar to them. We can give choices at all levels of readers and all types of diversity.

15. Chapter Chairs Reports (changes may occur due to the health issues and concerns)

Susie Sommer - West Valley — our next meeting is April 2nd at Biscuits cafe in Glendale from 10 am - 12.

Janie Hydrick - East Valley. - met last Friday for lunch and happy hour to launch the initiative petitions.

Ann Myers, Nancy Riley - Scottsdale, Paradise Valley: The Scottsdale/PV chapter met on 2/17 at Denny’s Restaurant on Mayo Blvd. in Scottsdale Rd. Our speaker was Antonio Galindo from NEA Benefits. Our next meeting is March 16th with a speaker from the Area Agency on Aging . Meeting was cancelled but notes were shared with the chapter members. The chapter supports the Kinnaman Scholarship fund and JustaCenter. The following meeting will be April 20th.

Marion Pickens- Greater Tucson The next meeting will be Tues. March 17th about CASA students who are shifted from school to school when they are changing foster homes.

Michele Smith - Phoenix :

The Phoenix Chapter will be meeting is on March 17th at The Beatitudes, 1610 W. Glendale Avenue in Elaine's Dining Room. Our meeting will be from 10:30 am to 12:30. Lunch will be served and the cost is \$10. We will be hosting two members from the League of Women Voters and the topic will be "America's Choices for the Future of Healthcare; Separating the Myths and Facts". Hope to see you then!

Sally Rosen - Southern Arizona . We will meet March 31st at the Olive Garden in Sierra Vista.

Rob Johan – Yavapai. —We will be meeting on March 12th in Chino Valley.

Ellen Shamah - Kyrene . No updates this month.

16. Election report -- Juan Zuniga. 87 delegates . Any additional nominees may be on the waiting list. Please register on the link sent by Julie Horwin for the hotel. Reimbursement is half of a room based on attending both May 8-May 9th AEA-Retired annual meeting and delegate assembly meeting days . A link will follow with the annual meeting registration and information. Will still need a few alternates please let Julie know if you are interested.

17.. Alliances and Coalitions

Valley Interfaith (VIP)-- Larry Wittig VIP is working on getting signatures for the initiative.

AZ Alliance for Retired Americans – Janie Hydrick

AZ School Counselors – Anna Cicero. Day at the Capitol 3/9/20.

ARSC – Julie Horwin, Steve Ramos. Taken care of during earlier report.

18. Kinnaman Raffle - Ken Freed Marshall won the raffle \$32 . Half to the Kinnaman Fund.

19. Adjournment of Executive Board at 2:15 p.m. by Julie Horwin — AEA-Retired President.

Upcoming Events:

AEA day at the Capitol-- Tues. March 17th

Women in Organized labor-- Friday March 27th 11 am - 1 p.m. -- \$10 register ahead (Dora Vasquez) --AARA next AEA-Retired exec. board meeting on Tues. April 14th (will be held as a Zoom meeting- see Julie's email to exec board and chapter chairs

AEA-Retired annual meeting/AEA Delegate assembly May 8th-May 9th

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Dwosh, AEA-Retired Secretary 3/17/20