

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of February 12, 2019

1. Call to Order at 10:00 by Vice-President Hydrick

Board members in attendance; Ken Freed, Janie Hydrick, Steve Linder, Danny Barlow, Shirley Boswell, Marilyn Calhoun, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Kirk Hinsey, 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, Sandie Blakely, John Campbell, Janice Dwosh, Jeanne Erickson, Norma Jimenez, Marshal Militano, Jan Nichols, Nancy Putman, Marilyn Rendon, Jean Stephenson, Linda Thieken, Sandy Warren. **Staff;** Margaret Sleeper, Chris Mayer.
Guests;

Guests were welcomed by Vice-President Hydrick.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (K. Freed/Michels) **Approved**
3. Approval of the minutes of January 8, 2019 (M. Freed/Calhoun) **Approved**
4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2175 members with 1594 using dues deduct. We have 59 new members this year. A discussion took place about the recruitment of ESP members into the AEA-Retired. The committee will move forward with plans to recruit the ESP.
(See printed report for more information.)
5. Membership Outreach Co-chairs Roach and Smith asked for assistance in shaping a program to recruit the ESP. Four (4) members of the Board received a \$10 stipend for recruiting new members. Continue to work on the Adopt-A-Local program.
6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$115,555
Liabilities	\$ 27,758
Equity	\$ 87,796

(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 also noted the new grant that has been received. This grant is from ASRC and is coming in slowly. This money is being used to pay Daniella Smith to lobby for pensions.
Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (M. Freed/Barlow) **Passed**

Treasurer Linder then entered into an initial discussion of the 2019-2020 budget. He reminded people that we would not be voting on it until next month and that if they wanted to make a change a motion would have to have both the positive and negative budget lines included.

7. Elections Chair Zuniga announced that there have been 79 Pledge-to-Serve nominations for the Delegate Assembly with the deadline for submission being today, February 12. By the end of the meeting, more pledge-to-serve forms were identified such that AEA-Retired has 89 people seeking 87 seats. More may come in before the deadline. Also, 1 person has been nominated for secretary and 10 have been nominated for the 6 at-large seats on the Board.
8. New Business Item-Barlow “moved that the AEA-Retired donate \$250 to help fund the celebration of “Women In Labor” presented by the National Association of Retired Americans on March 22.” (Barlow/C. Wittig)

There was discussion so as to have clarity around the motion.

Passed

9. Officers’ Report

Vice-President Hydrick-talked about 2 items;

- a. She asked that all make sure they are registered for “Request to Speak” at the legislature and suggested the Board look at, and register for, the Civic Engagement Beyond Voting newsletter. The email address is CEBV.us
- b. She shared that the Maricopa Democratic Party is accepting donations that will be given to asylum seekers. These people are being dropped off in the middle of no place with nothing. These donations will help them as they move through the process of seeking asylum.

Liaison Sleeper-shared that the finances of AEA have turned for the better. While AEA is seeking an Executive Director, Renae Costa is the interim. This year AEA will be seeking new mortgages for both of AEA properties, as the balloon payment is coming due.

AEA Director Barlow and Alternate Director Messing-The discussion centered around 2 items. The first had to do with how we are working in concert with some of our partners. (SOS, EU, etc.) The second item revolved around the fact that the Alternate cannot sit in for the Director at Fund Council Meetings if the Director is unable to attend. Chris Mayer came to the meeting and gave the Board the appropriate explanation.

10. ASRS

Chair Ramos shared that some of the negative things that we have expected and prepared for have not yet happened. Thus far there has been nothing dropped on behalf of ASU, and no anti-pension bills dropped. The only bills

dropped thus far are bills that ASRS has requested. Ramos will continue his vigilance.

11. Political Action

Chair Messing thanked the 55 people who attended the first AEA-Retired Lobby Day and reminded the Board that Lobby Day #2 is tomorrow. If you have not signed up, just make her aware that you will be there so that there will be enough food.

She also informed the Board about the Tucson Legislative Reception. There were 42 in attendance including 5 legislators who made presentations.

Also, Messing made us aware of some of the bills that have been dropped that will be detrimental to the Association and others that we are able to support.

(See printed report for more information.)

12. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)-The meeting is held at Biscuits Café, 19420 N. 59th Ave., Glendale. Sommer shared that the speaker at the Feb. 7th meeting was Sarah Richardson from Save Our Schools. Good discussion ensued.

The next meeting is Thursday April 4, 2019 at 10:00a.m.

Mesa (Hydrick)-The **Next meeting is March 6, 2019** at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8th floor of the MPS Building, 10:45, with lunch at 11:00. The guest will be Jordan Harb, a high school student who is the executive director of March for Our Lives. This group is introducing legislation to address student safety and mental health. This legislation is about “investing in students.” This bill is being co-sponsored by 6 Democrats and 8 Republicans.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)-The **next meeting will be on Feb. 18** at the Denny’s Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. at 11:00 a.m. with a speaker from the Musical Instrument Museum. The January meeting included President Horwin’s slide presentation on educational funding in Arizona. 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 9** at Native Grill and Wings, 5030 Ray Rd. #5 from 4:30 to 6:30. 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 (K. Freed)-The **Next meeting is Feb. 9** at the Tucson EA Office at 10:00 a.m. when we will be hearing from Sharon Megdal, an elected Board member from the CAP. Last month Merrill Eisenberg, the anti “Dirty Money” southern Arizona coordinator was the speaker. She is looking to identify circulators.

Phoenix (Smith)-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, in Elaine’s Dining Room on **March 19th at 10:30**. Lunch is \$10 including the tip. At the last meeting, Steve Ramos spoke on how to take action against attacks on the pension system.

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)-The **next meeting will be in March**. The program details and location are still in the planning stages.

Yavapai (Johan)-No update at this time.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The chapter meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, with the **next meeting, on March 5 at 10:00**, in the Flagstaff Federated Church basement room. The February meeting was not held due to 8 inches of snow and dangerous driving conditions.

13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-Hydrick thanked the Board for the passage of the New Business Item.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig shared a written report from the VIP. He also shared that the state of Arizona will contribute \$1M to Arizona Career Pathways. This job training system operates in conjunction with Arizona community colleges.

C. Arizona School Counselors-Cicero shared that the Governor is proposing 3 year grant money to begin to reduce the counselor/student ratio. Also, Secretary of Education Hoffman attended the recent counselor conference.

14. Annual Meeting (Austin)

Austin shared that the delegates would be again treated to a catered breakfast. Also, this is the last of the 3 year commitment that AEA has with this resort. Delegate Assembly will be going out to bid for the next 3 year cycle. The keynote speaker is not as yet determined. Finally, in March the sign-up sheets for jobs will be circulated.

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

Austin shared that the M.O.R.E. Mixer in Tucson has been cancelled and that all from the south may attend the Mixer at AEA headquarters on Feb. 21 from 10-3. She thanked those that called for the event. Also, Austin is compiling a list of chapter chair meetings and chair names.

16. Fundraising (M. Freed)

M. Freed announced that she had the raffle tickets to distribute. Each regular Board meeting attendee had a packet to sell or purchase. Hopefully the quilt will be at the March meeting as it is under construction. C. Wittig added that she has seen the material and it is beautiful. Other items that have been donated and will be raffled off as well.

17. The Half-back Raffle of \$35 was won by Rosen.

18. Adjournment at 1:25. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

****Notes ****

A lunch break of 17 minutes was taken and a working lunch followed.

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