



AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting Tues. December 17, 2019 minutes.

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

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

Members absent and excused: Rob Johan, Nancy Riley, Danny Barlow

1. Call to Order, Julie Horwin at 10:02 am

Welcome guests. Sandy Warns from the PV/Scottsdale chapter attending today's meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, December 17, 2019 motion by Larry Wittig seconded by Connie Wittig. Motion approved with additions.

3. Approval of Minutes from Nov. 12, 2019– Janice Dwosh motion by Larry Wittig, seconded by Ken Freed. Motion was approved.

4. Financials – Steven Linder Financials moved to be approved by Larry Wittig seconded by Connie Wittig. Motion approved. See attachments for details of the financials. Most recent expenditures for Political Action/MORE event still on budget.

5. Membership – Shirley Boswell. 2,163 AEA retired members. Numbers may be up or down monthly due to how payments are recorded by AEA.

6. Membership Outreach –Nancy Putman, Shirley Boswell, Michele Smith

Report from November committee meeting: we are working on getting more ESP's, putting ads in AEA Advocate, looking into ways to modify the payment structure of Lifetime membership, and letters sent to 439 newly retired members. Janice Dwosh reported on how she has engaged with her adopt-a-local Cave Creek EA, and how she plans to attend some exec board meetings, present the video on defined benefit pensions and discuss Leaders for Just Schools equity curriculum.

7. Officers' Reports

Julie Horwin – President : John Campbell is dealing with a continuing illness (send cards if possible)

ASRS threat — no bill up to be presented yet in the Legislature -stay vigilant, campaign to fight —inform actives why the retirement system is so important. ,

HR3 in Congress: lower drug prices act -passed in House, but will be reassigned to Senate, we can email members to promote this to pass.

Annual AEA-Retired meeting-need a guest speaker for May, email ideas to Julie,

Jeff Lange — work on intergenerational mentoring for NAU in Flagstaff (needs assistance up there)

Janie Hydrick—Vice President. AEA retired /AZ alliance for retired Americans supports the miner's strike. See below for the request to support them. . Workshop in January meeting to become delegates to Democratic convention.

AEA Board — Ken Freed and Luci Messing: reporting from Nov. 6-7th fund council and AEA board meeting (see attachment for more details). Please ask Marisol Garcia to present to AEA-retired exec board information on inclusion of all members in Presidential Primary Engagement plan.

Margaret Sleeper – AEA Liaison. Membership up 243 certified members, ESP up 30 members, retired up 14 members. Research and Policy day—focus on NEA member benefits, not promote at AEA delegate assembly, Roxanne Rash and Steve Ramos worked on the AEA pension video (3 min. Video). Awareness campaign aimed at active members. Need the AEA-Retired to team up with the locals to present and discuss with actives. FAQ — inform , resources, sign up for Lifetime membership. Tie it to the state and national pension coalitions for information . Will be more information following soon.

8.. New Business –

- a. **New Jersey EA advertisement--** motion by Larry Wittig in Nov.. to donate \$125 to NJEA for their 100 yr. anniversary newsletter .. Moved by Larry Wittig seconded by Connie Wittig . Motion Amended to fund through Gifts and Awards line in AEA-Retired budget. Motion passed.
- b. **Support for miners’ strike --** Ken Freed Motion by Ken Freed. Seconded by Juan Zuniga. Motion passed overwhelmingly.

Motion:

I move that AEA-Retired donate \$500 to the Labor Community Services Agency to assist ASARCO miners who have been on strike for 8 weeks. These funds are to be charged to the Miscellaneous-Gifts and Awards line of the budget.

Rationale

Seven unions representing ASARCO miners have been on strike for 8 weeks. Management intends to deliver a last/best offer which will be unacceptable to the union workers. Assuming the unions turn it down, there are a variety of ways that management can attempt to bust the strike. These include hiring scabs, terminating the current staff, decertifying the unions, etc. Particularly at this time of year we need to help our fellow union members in their fight for a fair wage and appropriate working conditions.

FYI...The AEA Board sent \$1,000 earlier in the year and just voted to send another \$1,500 at Saturday's Board Meeting.

9a. Political Action –Luci Messing. Important days ahead: Jan. 23rd — our AEA-retired day. . Feb. 17th. AEA Days of action— make appts.with legislators.. , Feb. 20th Southern AZ (be at the Capitol whenever we can as retirees. , March 10, 17th — AEA days at the Capitol. Send captain names out and get appts. soon. , Please wear red opening day (Jan. 13th) , wear purple Jan. 23rd . Luci will send out Julie’s PowerPoint and Legislative info as soon as possible.

9.b. MORE Committee: Linda Somo , grateful for the Political action committee working well with MORE this past month, additional event day MORE planned on April 1st at AEA HQ.

10. ASRS – Steve Ramos : ASRS report given during Margaret’s presentation.

11.Chapter Chairs Reports

Susie Sommer - West Valley The West Valley Chapter met on Dec. 12th at Biscuits Cafe in Glendale. Our speaker was Adam Melle from City of Buckeye. He informed us of volunteer activity on Feb. 7, 2020 at Buckeye Air Fair. Books (\$180) were purchased for Banner Thunderbird Children’s Hospital with chapter dues money. Children get to keep the books they received.

Janie Hydrick - East Valley. - Next meeting Jan. 22nd, Stephanie Parra -AEA will speak to chapter members

Ann Myers, Nancy Riley - Scottsdale, Paradise Valley The Scottsdale/PV Chapter of AEA-R met on Nov. 18th at Denny’s on Mayo Blvd. Our speaker was Marshall Militano, who updated us on the petition campaign for Outlaw Dirty Money . Our chapter supports the Kinnaman fund and Justa Center, a homeless shelter. Our next meeting is Jan. 20, 2020 11 am at Denny’s on Mayo Blvd. Ellie Perez will be speaking to prepare for the AEA-Retired days at the Capitol.

Marion Pickens- Greater Tucson Last meeting was the holiday party. Speaker next month is Pam Simon (AEA retired member) against gun violence (Third Tues. of January)

Michele Smith - Phoenix : Steve Ramos discussed retirement information at the dlast meeting. Next meeting Jan. 21st 10:30 am . Beatitudes in Phoenix.

Sally Rosen - Southern Arizona Meeting in January. No date yet.

Rob Johan – Yavapai. No report sent.

Ellen Shamah - Kyrene did not have a December meeting. Next meeting will be Jan. 10th.

12..Conduit—Jan Nichols : December issue is coming out soon! Bart James is co-editor. Limit articles to 600 words. All ideas are welcome.

13. Fundraising -- Marilyn Freed —beautiful new quilt for this year for AEA-delegate assembly. Tickets available now or in January.

14.. Alliances and Coalitions

AZ Alliance for Retired Americans – Janie Hydrick covered earlier at the meeting.

AZ School Counselors – Anna Cicero. Feb. 3rd School counselors meeting.

ARSC – Julie Horwin, Steve Ramos. This was also covered earlier at exec board meeting. .

15. Kinnaman Raffle - Ken Freed \$35 winner Jeanne Erickson., \$35 given to the Kinnaman fund.

16. Adjournment of Executive Board at noon by Julie Horwin — AEA-Retired President.

17. Lunch and holiday gift exchange followed. Thanks so much to Ann Myers for subbing for Nancy Riley (getting our lovely luncheon delivered and served) ! Hope Nancy will be feeling better soon!

Upcoming Events: Nominations for AEA- Delegate assembly and AEA-retired board/officers

begin in Jan. Link will be sent out soon with more information.

Our next Executive board meeting is Tues. Jan. 14th 10 a.m.

Budget committee meeting Wed. Jan. 22nd 10:30 a.m.-2:30 pm. (May be changed due to conflicts)

AEA-Retired day at the Capitol -- Thurs. Jan. 23rd

Nominations for the Les Reynolds award --due by Feb. 11th

Respectfully submitted by Janice Dwosh, AEA-Retired secretary, Dec. 19, 2020

Happy holidays and a wonderful new year to our AEA Retired Executive board, chapter chairs and respected members!