



Tuesday, February 14, 2023 - Called to Order @ 10:01 am

ATTENDANCE: P= present, A= absent

BOARD: Anna Cicero-P, Ken Freed-P, Maria Leyva-P, Steve Linder-P, Julie Horwin-A, Luci Messing-P, Danny Barlow-A, Shirley Boswell-A, Marilyn Calhoun-P, Peter Coston-P, Janice Dwosh-P, Jeanne Erickson-P, Marilyn Freed-P, Norma Jimenez-P, Deb Larned-P, Sharin Manes-P, Barbara Matteson-P, Gary Mehok-P, Marshall Militano-P, Carmen Peters-P, Nancy Putman-P, Michele Smith-P, Susie Sommer-P, Sandra Warns-P
CHAPTER CHAIRS Present: Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen
OTHER LEADERS & GUESTS Present: Aurora Aber, Suzan Austin, Ellie Feldner, Steve Ramos, Judy Robbins, Linda Somo, Emily Kirkland-AEA, Debbie (guest of Peter C.), Isela Blanc

Land Acknowledgement - Racial and Social Justice - Presented by Norma J.

Approval of Agenda - with flexibility. Moved by Nancy P., Seconded by Sandy. Motion passed.

Approval of January Minutes as amended - Moved by Marilyn C. Seconded by Carmen. Motion passed.

Financial Report - Steve L./Treasurer presented.

Accept the Financial Report as presented and file for Audit - Moved by Janice. Seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

OFFICER REPORTS:

President- Anna: Mid-year GOAL and STRATEGIES progress check. Delegate Assembly update. NEA Leadership Summit and NEA-R Conference. Thanked Steve R and Linda for two successful pre-retirement seminars.

Vice President- Ken: Attended Tucson Chapter meeting, and Lobby Day in Jan. Met with 17 House members.

Secretary- Maria: Attended Lobby Day. Revised website and added video to home page. Had new name tags designed for board meetings.

AEA Director- Luci: Presented by Ken. AEA membership is increasing! Money is being used to increase membership. AEA reserves are in good standing. New AEA Region was approved. AEA now has 14 regions. Possible constitutional amendment regarding what is done in a 3-person election when there is no 51% majority vote. New hotel for 2024 Del. Assembly-Renaissance Downtown? New staff being hired at the AEA.

NEA Director/Past President- Julie: Not present. No report.

AEA Liaison- Ellie Perez-Pawlowski: Presented quick report on bills going thru committees and to the floor for debate. Isela is getting calls from legislators for support. NEA so impressed that they want AEA to present nationally.

NEW BUSINESS ITEM: Continuation of Policies and Procedures Document revisions. All revisions passed.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS:

Membership- Nancy P /Shirley/Michelle- Nine new members since Jan. Thirteen MORE than this time in 2022 for a total membership of 2,091. Displayed the NEW table cover that will help with our advertising and branding. Advertisements in two editions of the Advocate (Spring & Summer). Shirley attended the NEA Membership Committee ZOOM. Working on “goodies” for Del. Assembly and new AEA-R members. Marshall is taking shirt orders and personal embroidery requests. Maria presented that 64+ names gathered at 2022 Del. Assembly will be used as “Pen Pals” for board members to start a relationship.

Political Action- Luci Messing- Requested people send thank you cards to legislators who voted YES for the AEL. Bill to allow politicians to delete their emails after 90 days. Reported on bills that AEA is watching.

Racial & Social Justice- Janice Dwosh- Was in D.C. for a conference. She meets monthly via ZOOM with NEA RSJ committee members. Rebranded name tags include the Community agreements as agreed to by the Board.

Communications –

Maria- Requested that board and guests use social media to post when they are attending AEA or AEA-R events.

Steve Ramos- Facebook- Requested people share and like FB posts. Linda has over 1,000 views on her online letter.

Susie Sommer-ZOOM- No update.

Sandy Warns- No update. Requested people to sign cards.

Julie Horwin- Website, Mail Chimp, etc.- No report. Not present.

Anna Cicero- Re-branding/Strategic Planning- New table cover to increasing visibility and branding. Still needs Strategic Goals and Responsibilities from some committees and ad hocs.

The Conduit Newsletter: Jan Nichols, Bart James- Articles due Feb. 24.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES/or AD HOC REPORTS

ASRS – Chair Steve Ramos-language win! Possible Paul Madsen replacement for ASRS.

M.O.R.E- Chair-Linda Somo - Event happening at the IBEW Hall on April 13. May present Pre-Retirement Seminars regionally when requested by active locals. Waiting for attendee evaluation data from AEA for the committee to make an action plan.

Fundraising – Chair- Marilyn Freed-ONE quilt to raffle. Please, turn in \$30 for tickets.

Annual Mtg.- Chair-Norma Jimenez- Passed around sign up sheet for help.

Annual Award- Chair Nancy Putman- Less Reynolds Distinguished Service Award recipient is Steve Linder.

Elections- Chair- Steve Linder- 64 people signed up as delegates out of 84 available slots. New deadline to register was extended to Feb. 24. Must attend the Delegate Assembly to vote.

Documents- Chair- Ken Freed - Grateful for serving as chair for this committee. Requested that another person agree to be chair in the future.

Budget- Chair-Steve Linder- Presented DRAFT for first viewing. Vote in March Board meeting.

Audit- Chair-Carmen Peters- No report necessary.+

CHAPTER CHAIR - SUSIE SOMMER

Marshall Militano - West Valley - 9 people attended. Joe Carter reported from AZRA.

Janie Hydrick. -East Valley - Absent, but held its first in-person meeting in 3 years.

Nancy Riley.-Scottsdale/ PV - Over 20 people attended at Snooze in patio. Brr.

Peter Coston- Greater Tucson- 15 people attended in-person and more over ZOOM.

Ellen Shama -Kyrene - Meeting in January.

Sally Rosen – Southern, Sierra Vista - Next meeting is planned.

Interstate Chapter- Danny Barlow- Snowed in. No report. Not present.

Deb Larned –Marana Northwest Tucson -Continues to coordinate with GreaterTucson.

Marilyn Kinnie- SW Phoenix (Goodyear, Buckeye, Surprise, Litchfield, etc.)- No report. Not present.

ALLIANCES AND COALITIONS

ARSC- Steve R./Daniela Smith- Requesting testimonials from rural and small towns on ‘How retirement pensions directly impact local economies.’

AARA- AZ Alliance for Retired Americans- Continues to work with AEA-R and ARSC.

AIN Ken F. (Tucson)-Frank Ratey - Steve L reported that they received their check.

Kinnaman Raffle - Ken Freed- \$56 (50:50). Suzan Austin won.

Closure and Adjournment of Executive Board Meeting @ 2:23 pm.