

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of October 11, 2016

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

Board members in attendance; Julie Horwin, Suzan Austin, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Danny Barlow, Ed Bufford, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Barbara Matteson, Gary Mehok, Luci Messing, Nancy Putman, Kathy Ramage-White, Steven Ramos, Tricia Roach, Sally Rosen, Susie Sommer, Jean Stephenson, Connie Wittig, Larry Wittig, Juan Zuniga. Chapter Chairs; Michelle Smith, Ellie Feldner, Marilyn Calhoun, Nancy Riley, Ann Myers. Members; Aurora Aber, Shirley Boswell, John Campbell, Melanie Hobden, Carmen Peters, Judy Moy. Staff; Margaret Sleeper, Paula Fosbinder.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Linder/Ramage-White)

Approved

3. Approval of the minutes of April, 2016 (Ramage-White/C. Wittig)

Approved

4. Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2201 members with 1607 using dues deduct. We have 58 new members this year. (See printed report for more information.)

5. Membership Outreach chairs, Putman/Roach shared information relative to those AEA-Retired Board members who had earned money through the recruitment of new members and distributed cash.

Roach/Smith did an excellent presentation in which the Board reviewed the Membership plan for the next 5 years and made personal commitments as to how we would each attempt to impact membership growth.

6. New Business Item

“Move that AEA-Retired become a member of the Arizona Interfaith Network, payable by a draft of \$450 from the 2016-2017 Affiliates budget line.” (L. Wittig/K. Freed)

There was discussion of the motion.

The question was called. (Austin/K. Freed)

Passed

The motion

Passed

7. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets \$73,354

Liabilities \$23,798

Equity \$49,556

(See written report for more information.)

There was discussion of the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss documents. There was also discussion about moving money from the TEF Grant #3 to another grant. Liaison Sleeper indicated she would check on how to accomplish it.

Treasurer Linder conducted a “Voucher Completion Training.”

Move acceptance and file for audit. (L. Wittig/Putman)

Passed

8. Officers’ Reports

President Horwin-Shared that we would be receiving 2 checks from NEA by Oct. 31 of \$4,200 each for grants. Additionally, we will receive \$41,000 for field work in recruiting new teachers to be remitted in November.

Horwin shared that she would be tabling the Oct. 12 Tech Fair in Tempe to sign up new teachers and, in Charlie Fisher’s absence, spoke about volunteering to assist the member to member calling for our candidates out of the AEA office.

She outlined the upcoming NEA Leadership Summit that NEA is planning and indicated that NEA is encouraging NEA-Retired members to attend this year in order to find out if the Summit is a conference we wish to promote to our retired members. Horwin will be attending the NEA National Leadership Summit in February supported by NEA-Retired and using her AEA-Retired President’s Budget line. Horwin indicated that because AEA is the only state affiliate funding non-delegates to the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting, that we should consider sending our members to the NEA Leadership Summit rather than a meeting that has not professional growth sessions.

Vice-President Austin- Discussed the M.O.R.E grants and presented a written report indicating past and future M.O.R.E activities.

Austin passed a sign-up sheet around asking members of the Board to sign-up to assist in setting up the Boardroom and getting food on the tables prior to each Board meeting and to help clean up at its conclusion.

Liaison Sleeper-Indicated that she had 10 items to present “very quickly.” They were; 1)To focus on the New Educator Campaign, 2)There have been a huge number of viruses in the AEA computer system, 3)In the retreat with AEASO it was discussed that there needs to be an infusion of fun in the job, 4)The new accounting system is up and running, 5)The AEA audit will be conducted, 6)E-SWAG bazaar was highly successful, 7)NEA360 is moving forward, 8)AEA is up 477 certified and 23 ESP, 9)NEA is putting \$300,000 in Arizona political action, 10)Most membership loss has been due to retirement.

True to her word, Sleeper reviewed her agenda **very** quickly. If you need more in depth information, please email her as I have provided all that I could garner.

AEA Director Barlow-Provided a written report of the October 11th AEA Board meeting, the minutes of the August 19-20 and the AEA/ATF Jurisdictional Agreement.

(Many of us have asked for a written report in the past, and I would ask that each of you read it at least as thoroughly as you read these minutes. kf)

9. ASRS

Ramos reviewed his written report which included information on our opposition to PEPTA, the conflict within the courts relative to pension reduction and the ASU pension threat.

(See the written report for additional information.)

10. Political Action

Co-chair Matteson presented a written report which outlined the committee's goals and indicated how they intend to accomplish said goals for 2016-2017.

She also shared that Rep. Friese and Sen. Farley have been raising money in an attempt to change the make-up of the state legislature.

11. Chapter Chair Reports

West Valley/Glendale (Sommer)-The chapter met on Thursday, Oct. 6 at Ironworks Restaurant. The main focus of the meeting was the upcoming election. Candidate positions and ballot propositions were discussed. The issue of charter schools was updated by Jan Nichols. **Next meeting is Dec. 1.**

East Valley (Somo)-At the most recent meeting, there was a presentation about the ballot propositions. **Next meeting is Nov. 9.**

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Wittigs)-At the most recent meeting, magazines were collected as well as money for the Kinnaman Fund.

Kyrene/Tempe (Feldner)-Mitzi Epstein, candidate for the AZ House of Representatives, was the September speaker. After she spoke, it became a question and answer discussion. **Next meeting is Nov. 16** at the Pyle Center in Tempe with a speaker to be scheduled.

Tucson (Calhoun)-The September speaker was Kitty Kennedy from the Alliance. Her topic was Social Security. Some of the M.O.R.E. attendees have attended the chapter meeting. **Next meeting is Oct. 26.**

Phoenix (Smith)-The Phoenix chapter met at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale on September 20. Twelve members listened to Anna Cicero talk about political activism and the importance of staying informed about candidates and issues. Michael Cady, a volunteer with the Arizona State Library Museum talked about the activities that take place at the museum. **Next meeting is November 15** at 10:30.

Southern Arizona (Rosen)-We will be **meeting either on October 31 or in early November.**

Yavapai-Not in attendance.

Flagstaff (Roach)-In May we recruited 6 new AEA-R members at a celebration dinner for new Flagstaff EA retirees at the Outback. The restaurant provided free meals and Viola's Flowers provided a plant for each. President Horwin was the speaker. Candidate for State Senate, Nikki Bagley, spoke in June about her priorities for Education in Arizona. The chapter participated in the AEA endorsement process for LDs 6 and 7. In August, candidate for State Rep. Alex Martinez, spoke about his priorities in Education and Gary Pearlmutter, a candidate for Coconino County Attorney, spoke. In

September the chapter members discussed; the upcoming elections, the newly formed Flagstaff GunSense Coalition and the direction of the chapter for the upcoming year. The guest speaker in October was Katherine Yelle, an NEA funded organizer in Coconino County. She spoke about participating in phone banks to remind local AEA members to vote for Hillary, Nikki and Alex.

12. Alliances and Coalitions

Past President Somo reported that the AZ Alliance for Retired Americans is concentrating on the elections.

Somo also shared that the snail mail copy of the Conduit has been delayed, but will be arriving soon.

13. Half-back Raffle of \$31 was won by Mehok.

14. Adjournment at 12:37. The next meeting is Tuesday November 1st.

****Notes ****

Lunch was duty free and people left as they finished.

Many **THANKS** to Susie, Ellie, Michelle, Sally and Tricia for submitting their chapter chair reports in advance.