



AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting Tues. January 14, 2020 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, 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, Michele Smith, Jan Nichols, Gary Mehok, Aurora Aber, Howard Johnson, Norma Jimenez, Nancy Riley, Danny Barlow

Absences excused: Rob Johan, Suzan Austin, Margaret Sleeper, Linda Somo, Julie Cozad, Ellen Shamah, Susie Sommer

1. Call to Order, Julie Horwin at 10:00 am

2. Joe Thomas (see below under new business)

Welcome guests. Sandy Warns, Melanie Hobden, and Jeanne Erickson, & Jen Loreda (AEA) Field Mgr.

3. Approval of Agenda for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 motion by Ken Freed.

Motion approved with flexibility.

4. Approval of Minutes from Dec. 17, 2019– Janice Dwosh. motion by Ken Freed, seconded by Juan Zuniga

Motion was approved.

5. Financials – Steven Linder Financials moved to be approved by Nancy Putman, seconded by Larry Wittig

Motion approved. See attachments for details of the financials.

Suggestion was made to get Mail chimp for each chapter chair - would cost some additional money, but is valuable to have these conversations with our members. \$500 for mail chimp will now be coming from the Robo Calls category (will rename category Chapter Support) since Robo Calls are no longer made.

5. Membership – Shirley Boswell. 2,168 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

439 letters sent out in Nov., 6 new members joined, ideas from membership committee members — adopt-a-locals meeting with Presidents, assist with local site bulletin boards, pass out membership posters to the locals, bring membership forms with you to all kinds of events, as well as AEA locals board meetings

7. Officers' Reports

Julie Horwin – President : Thanks to Michelle Smith and Lela Alston for the opening day events in the Senate.

Nominations for AEA-DA, and officers —link will be resent out again, due by Feb. 10th

Julie will be speaking at Florida and Pennsylvania retired annual meetings, sharing with them about getting grants to increase programs.

Leading for Change training has 20 new candidates for offices.

We will change our AEA-R committee name from Political Action to Legislative Action Committee. Barbara Matteson will be our new Pol. Action chair and Luci is our legislative coordinator for remainder of the year. (Since Luci is now in Pima County Democratic committee leadership.)

Julie is running for NEA national board to represent retirees, Move to support Julie in this election (by Nancy Putman)

Conduit issue is wonderful this month. Great for membership recruiting, as well as communicating with members.

Budget committee meeting here on Jan. 30th, proposals due before then, need other committees to send prior to the 30th.

Janie Hydrick—Vice President. Health care rising initiative (AARA endorsing). Protects pre-existing conditions, hospital worker pay increases, protects for surprise medical bills, private hospitals to meet safety standards—get signatures please.

Important to become a precinct committee chair if you are interested

AEA Board — Ken Freed and Luci Messing: Weekly Wed. evening legislative phone or computer Zoom meeting with Joe Thomas—great information when you are available to listen and participate.

Janice Dwosh— many retired teachers back in the classroom (article from NEA). Affects your pension so be aware before signing any contract, Also check latest AARP magazine for similar articles.

Margaret Sleeper – AEA Liaison. No report today. Margaret is out of town this week. Jennifer Laredo visited in her place and mentioned \$20K grant approved for back to school events and new educators events, also asked for our support of ASRS pension threat presentations , see below for Steve Ramos report.

8.. New Business – information for exec board members: (Prior to official AEA-retired meeting began)

Joe Thomas— (AEA President). Invest in Ed updates — initiative launched and filed, no petitions yet until wording is reviewed in about a month, these are the main areas of focus:

3.5% income tax surcharge taxable income \$250K indiv, \$500K couple, \$15 per day , raises \$800-900 million annually,would go to : 50% non-admin salaries, 25% classified compensation, 25% — 10% fund teacher mentoring system, 12% grant based CTE/Gifted/Counselors/at risk for 9th-12th grade only, 3% fund towards AZ Teachers Academy, Voter protected money Currently 1800 classrooms unfilled by certified educators . Will follow up with more info and petitions soon!

9a. Political Action/Legislative Action –Luci Messing. Important days ahead: Jan. 23rd — our AEA-retired day. and Wed. Feb. 12th.

Room to meet in for Jan. 23rd : Senate Caucus room 1. Lunch and meeting there. Sen Bradley and others will address the group and invite your legislators to join us. Register 9-9:30, Steph Parra 9:30, appt. 10-12, lunch 12-1, then gallery for house/senate until 2-2:30. Wear your Purple shirts on Jan. 23 and Feb. 12th.

Only registered Democrats can vote in the Presidential preference election (independents cannot vote then)

AEA-day of action Feb. 17th (Phoenix), Feb. 20th (Tucson schools) AEA-days at the Capitol March 10, March 17th

Feb. 5th — retirement coalition day at the Capitol. (pension group 9 am - 2 p.m.)

10. ASRS – Steve Ramos : Signup for support for district presentations re: defined benefit pensions. Please submit to Steve at the end of today’s meeting. “Whiteboard presentation” request for AEA-retired . Some bills possible in the legislature (technical fixes— ASRS supports) Self insuring health care —also supported by ASRS and AEA-retired. Hopefully these changes will assist the pre-Medicare retirees.

Equable /Reason foundation/AZ chamber of commerce working together —getting the media involved — some misleading info Please Email ARSC to sign up for their Day at the Capitol —Feb. 5th (ARSC)

11. Leaders for Just Schools -- Janice Dwosh, Ann Myers, Julie Horwin -- topic: Microaggressions

Watched two youtube videos and great discussions with exec board members about their personal experiences . More info to follow next month.

12. Chapter Chairs Reports

Susie Sommer - West Valley —Community outreach with Buckeye air fair Feb. 7-9th .

Janie Hydrick - East Valley. - Next meeting Jan. 22nd, Stephanie Parra -AEA will speak to chapter members. Online training for request to speak. Check Civic Engagement Beyond Voting to sign up for RTS.

Ann Myers, Nancy Riley - Scottsdale, Paradise Valley

Our next meeting is Jan. 20, 2020 11 am at Denny’s on Mayo Blvd. Luis Heredia will be speaking to prepare for the AEA-Retired days at the Capitol. (AZ election procedures) . Chapter members and candidate, Eric Kurland, will role play situations.

Marion Pickens- Greater Tucson Speaker in January is Pam Simon (AEA retired member) against gun violence (Third Tues. of January)

Michele Smith - Phoenix : Next meeting Tues. Jan. 21st 10:30 am . Beatitudes in Phoenix. Plan to get someone

to discuss the new education initiative.

Sally Rosen - Southern Arizona

The Southeast AZ AEA-Retired chapter will meet next on January 21, 5:30 pm at the Peacock restaurant in Sierra Vista.
Rob Johan – Yavapai. No updated chapter meeting information at this time.

Ellen Shamah - Kyrene — Last Meeting Jan. 10th **(Friday— happy hour) great attendance. 3 state legislators and others there to discuss issues in the area.**

13..Conduit—Jan Nichols : next issue items due by Feb. 21st. Cell phone for Jan N. 602 619-5761 to text photos. Send all items to her.

14. Fundraising -- Marilyn Freed —beautiful new quilt for this year for AEA-delegate assembly. Tickets available now or in January. \$30 for packet of tickets . Would love to have someone to assist this year or volunteer for this position in the future.

15. Les Reynolds award nominations -- Connie Wittig Nominations need to be mailed to AEA office. due by next meeting Feb. 11th.

16.. Alliances and Coalitions

Valley Interfaith (VIP)-- Larry Wittig . VIP presentation on Sex trafficking Thurs. Jan. 16th 6:30 p.m.

AZ Alliance for Retired Americans – Janie Hydrick . See Janie for Healthcare rising petitions.

AZ School Counselors – Anna Cicero. Feb. 3rd School counselors meeting. , March 9 day for school counselors at the capitol.

ARSC – Julie Horwin, Steve Ramos. First meeting this Friday . Day at the Capitol Feb. 5th

17. Kinnaman Raffle - Ken Freed \$32 to Janie Hydrick (winner of raffle) and \$32 given to the Kinnaman fund.

18. Adjournment of Executive Board at 1:54 p.m. by Julie Horwin — AEA-Retired President.

19. committee meetings -- Membership and Political Action

Upcoming Events: Nominations for AEA- Delegate assembly and AEA-retired board/officers begins in Jan.. Due by Feb. 10th

Budget committee meeting rescheduled for Thurs. Jan. 30th 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. (AEA-HQ)

Our next AEA-R Executive board meeting is Tues. Feb. 11th at 10 a.m.

AEA-Retired day at the Capitol -- Thurs. Jan. 23rd and Wed. Feb. 12th (RSVP online)

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

Respectfully submitted by Janice Dwosh, AEA-Retired secretary, January 16, 2020