

AEA-Retired Executive Board Meeting
Minutes of November 13, 2018

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

Board members in attendance; Janie Hydrick, Ken Freed, Steve Linder, Linda Somo, Shirley Boswell, Anna Cicero, Marilyn Freed, Kirk Hinsey, Barbara Matteson, 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;** Rob Johan, Nancy Riley, Sally Rosen. **Members;** Susan Austin, John Campbell, Janice Dwosh, Jeanne Erickson, Norma Jimenez, Howard Johnson, Jan Nichols, Nancy Putman, Jean Stephenson, Marilyn Rendon. **Staff;** Margaret Sleeper. **Guests;** Marisol Garcia

Guests were welcomed and asked to introduce themselves by Vice-President Hydrick.

2. Approval of Agenda, with flexibility (Somo/Mehok) **Approved**
3. Approval of the minutes of Oct. 9, 2018 (Somo/Cicero) **Approved**
4. Membership Processing Membership Processing Chair Boswell shared the most recent membership data. Currently we have 2210 members with 1606 using dues deduct. We have 42 new members this year.
(See printed report for more information.)
5. Membership Outreach Co-chair Smith shared that they now have a list of 231 recently retired former actives who they will begin contacting by mail. Also, Co-chair Roach discussed the adopt-a-district program and recruiting new members at end of year celebrations.
6. Financials presented by Treasurer Linder.

Assets	\$110,776
Liabilities	\$ 23,954
Equity	\$ 86,821

(See written report for more information.)

Linder shared information about the specific lines of the budget and explained the check detail. He also responded to questions about the Robo-Caller to the best of his information

Move that the report be accepted and filed for audit. (K. Freed/Somo)

Passed
7. Conduit Editor Somo shared that someone needs to step up and volunteer to take over the editorship as this is her last year. Also, the deadline for articles for the next edition of the Conduit is December 1.
8. New Business Items-Vice--President Hydrick passed the gavel and brought the following as requested by President Horwin; Hydrick "Move that half of the funds generated by the Board's monthly raffle be used for cash prizes at new teacher

orientations with the other half added to the AEA-Retired budget.”
(Hydrick/Somo)

The first speaker suggested postponement until January which was moved.
(K. Freed/Mehok)

Postponement was discussed by the Board, due, in part, to the inability to get answers to questions that the motion generated. Members of the Board volunteered to be members of an ad hoc committee, should the President wish to form one. They are; Johan, Somo, Peters, Linder, Stephenson, Putman, M. Freed.

Motion to postpone. **Passed**

The following motion, “Move that the Arizona Education Association-Retired open each monthly meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.” (L. Wittig/Somo)

There was some discussion and questions about what other locals, the state and the National choose to do.

Failed

9. Officers’ Report

President Horwin-In a written report shared that the application for the NEA Leadership Summit funded by members’ dues is now live at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019SummitApp>

Vice-President Hydrick-Shared her thoughts about recently deceased Carolyn Warner. Stories by many of the Board created an appropriate tribute to a PUBLIC school advocate. A bio and other information was also passed out.

Hydrick also explain why she had not been able to attend earlier meetings this year. As the chair of LD18 she helped to elect 92% of their candidates.

Liaison Sleeper-Shared that AEA has added 2 new staff members. One is an OC in the South and the other is in accounting. Also, the AEA/AEASO negotiations has continued into mediation. There was a 3rd Tentative Agreement reached yesterday.

AEA Alternate Director Messing-Provided a written report from the AEA Board meeting that indicated what the officers had been doing as well as interesting membership numbers. She also reported that Committee is Dec. 15th.

AEA Fund Council Representative Somo-No new information at this time.

10. ASRS

Chair Ramos will share a detailed report at the December meeting. Did note that Sal Decicio, a member of the Phoenix Board, is collecting signatures to eliminate pensions. His bill would require a 90% funding of pensions.

11. Political Action

Messing shared that the AEA-Retired members showed up and worked this election and can be proud of what they helped accomplish. “Thank you!”

She also shared that with the passage of Prop 126 the 301 money may be impacted to as much as \$250,000,000.

Much conversation relative to the election ensued, and praise for Chair Messing and the job she did was delivered.

(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. **The next meeting is Thursday December 6, 2018 at 10:00a.m..**

Mesa (Hydrick)-The Next meeting is Nov. 14, 2018 at 63 East Main Street, Mesa, on the 8th floor of the MPS Building, 10:45, with lunch at 11:00. The guest speaker is Sarah Richardson, a public education advocate, who played a key role in the “Invest in Ed” and “No on 305” movements.

Scottsdale/Paradise Valley (Myers/Riley)-The next meeting will be on **November 26** at the Denny’s Restaurant on Mayo Blvd and Scottsdale Rd. at 11:00 a.m. with a speaker from Just a Center. Jessica Wani and Allegra Fullerton from Save Our Schools were the speakers at the Oct. 15th meeting.

Kyrene/Tempe/Chandler (Hydrick)-The next meeting will be on **December 4** at Native Grill and Wings on Ray Rd. west of I-10 from 4:30 to 6:30. Sarah Richardson, a public school advocate, who played a key role in the “Invest in Ed” and “No on 305” movement will be the guest speaker. Kyrene School Board members will be invited to speak. All retired and active members are invited to attend.

Tucson (Matteson)-The Next meeting is **November 20**, at the Southern Region office, 6873 N. Oracle Rd. at 10:00 a.m. Joe Thomas, AEA President, will be speaking about the recent elections and to begin to plan for the 2020 elections.

Phoenix (Smith)-The Phoenix chapter will meet at Beatitudes at 1610 W. Glendale, in Elaine’s Dining Room on **Nov. 20 at 10:30. The speaker is newly elected Senator Lela Alston.** Lunch is \$10 including the tip.

Southeast Arizona (Rosen)- The next meeting will be in early January. The chapter met on Oct. 25 at the Indo China Restaurant, with 15 members present. The AEA recommendations were shared for those who had not voted

Yavapai (Johan)-The Yavapai chapter’s next meeting will be **Thursday Nov. 15th**, with Steve Ramos as the speaker.

Flagstaff (Roach)-The chapter meeting is held on the first Tuesday of the month, with the **next meeting on Dec. 4 at 10:00**, in the Flagstaff Federated Church basement room. The November meeting was canceled as it coincided with Election Day.

13. Alliances and Coalitions

A. Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans-Hydrick shared that the Alliance was displeased with the participation of AEA-Retired in their election activities. Hydrick shared that we were working elsewhere, but we were engaged.

B. Arizona Interfaith Network-L. Wittig shared that VIP had divided the city into sections and walked areas for candidates. Also, they are involved in moving people into work and away from poverty.

C. Arizona School Counselors-Cicero that she shared AEA-Retired election ideas with the counselors. She, and the group she represents, have developed a relationship with newly elected Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hoffman. The counselor's lobby day is Feb. 25.

D. The Network for Public Education-Nichols reported on its 5th Conference in Indianapolis. Diane Ravitch, the NPE President, opened the conference introducing her book which illustrates the failure of charter schools. Nichols also shared that she will be a presenter at the NEA Summit on this topic.

(See printed report for more information.)

14. Intergenerational Mentoring
No Report

15. M.O.R.E.

Somo shared that we have applied for another grant so that someone can be hired to update the list of NEA members in Arizona. Future plans include Mixers in Tucson on Feb. 20 at the YWCA from 10-3 and at AEA headquarters on Feb. 21 from 10-3.

16. Half-back Raffle of \$34 was won by Johan.

17. Adjournment at 1:24. The next meeting is Tuesday, December 11, 2018.

****Notes ****

A lunch break of 25 minutes was taken.

C. Wittig passed around a condolence card to be signed by those who knew Jo Stephenson as she recently passed. Many shared their remembrances of Jo.

Remember gifts for the holiday gift exchange in December.

John Campbell's new phone number is 602-432-0686

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