

Association of Retired Seattle City Employees

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021

Meeting was called to order by Vice-President Edie Jorgensen at 10:12 AM via Zoom

Present: John Masterjohn, Edie Jorgensen, Alan Brittenham, Elizabeth Paschke, Hillary Hamilton, Bob Chandler, Mike Nagan, Jeannette Voiland, Ann Kelson, Helen Tsang, Ed Steyh, Mary Steyh, Lee Sattler, Martin Etquibal, Sharon Mickelson, Larry Mickelson.

Excused: Pat Kirkness, Ann Beard, Florence Harrell, Melina Thung, Susan White,.

Absent: Anne Miller

Minutes of the meeting held on April 12th were approved as sent.

Under Programs Committee report, Bob Chandler reported that Jefferson Park Golf Course might have room for us on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for our Christmas Luncheon. Many details were not available due to reorganization, but the basic time and location are approved. Cost estimates and meal plans will be sent to Sharon Mickelson, the chair of the committee.

Election: New Board members will be sworn in at the June meeting to terms starting July 1.

Edie Jorgensen reported on the progress made by the ad-hoc Bylaws Committee, a part of the Legislative Committee. She asked for volunteers to read the completed document with fresh eyes and got commitments from Hillary Hamilton, Bob Chandler and Ann Kelson.

Ann Kelson, Communications Committee, reported on further developments in our ongoing discussion with SCERS regarding online access to meetings in real time. John will attend the meeting later this week and report back next month.

Ann also reported that the committee has been very active and has more ideas in the pipeline for the near future.

That led into more discussion of SCERS Board member Lou Walter's status, and ongoing difficulty communicating with him as he continues to rehabilitate from an auto accident. He has not been able to submit any articles for the newsletter and was recently re-elected to a 3-year term of office as the Retiree representative. Lee reported on health issues affecting him.

Elizabeth Paschke reported on the proposed budget for fy 2021-22 and read from her notes on the various assumptions that support the numbers, which showed a deficit for the next year of \$4,000, which was covered by current reserves. Hillary Hamilton reported on updated membership numbers (1289 members) and current income for the previous period (.).

After discussion, the following motions were moved, seconded and passed:

1. To raise the assumed cost per plate for the Christmas Luncheon to \$30, while holding the price to the members for a ticket at \$25. MSP
2. To remove the September luncheon from the budget, since pandemic rules have resulted in the cancellation of the lunch. MSP
3. To adopt the modified budget proposal for fy 2021-22. MSP

Elizabeth also reported on three laddered CDs that invest our reserve cash. Interest rates are down severely, but there is no need to modify the renewal periods of the CDs, which are one, two and three years, respectively.

There was further discussion about the printing companies who produce our letterhead and newsletter, how their bills were paid and how they were chosen. One company is shutting down and the work transferred to a different company run by a family member.

President John Masterjohn appointed Pat Kirkness to a Board position replacing Victoria Troisi, who resigned effective May 11, for the remaining two months of this year. At that point Pat starts her own 3-year term, and the remaining year of Victoria's position as Financial Secretary will be filled at the July meeting of the Board.

Nominations were had for the offices of President and Vice-President. After some discussion, Mike Nagan was nominated and elected as President and Edie Jorgensen as Vice-President. Their terms start in July. MSP to approve the changes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM. Next meeting will be held on June 9th, 2021, via Zoom. If you are unable to attend, please contact John Masterjohn in advance at 206-362-2245 or e-mail him at [president@arsce.org](mailto:president@arsce.org)

Respectfully submitted by Alan Brittenham, Recording Secretary