

Association of Retired Seattle City Employees  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

Meeting was called to order by President Mike Nagan at 10:00 AM via Zoom

Roll Call:

Present: Ann Beard, Alan Brittenham, Bob Chandler, Barbara Graham, Hillary Hamilton, Edie Jorgensen, Pat Kirkness, John Masterjohn, Ann Miller, Mike Nagan. Elizabeth Paschke, Lee Sattler, Ed Steyh, Melina Thung, Jeannette Voiland

Excused: Larry and Sharon Mickelson

Absent: Florence Harrell, Helen Tsang

The agenda was approved by consensus.

## **Reports**

Minutes of the meeting held on February 9th were approved with corrections. Alan will send out revised copies with the April agenda.

There was no correspondence last month.

Treasurer - Elizabeth Paschke presented the latest financial reports, which were accepted by the Board. Some discussion was had about including financial details in the minutes, which are added to the website. The consensus was to leave out the details, which are available to all members on request.

Financial Secretary – Hillary Hamilton reported a total of 1326 members. It is becoming evident that there are significant delays before we get the latest information on retirees and deaths from SCERS. Mike will initiate a discussion with them to see how the delays can be minimized.

## **Committees**

Communications and Membership – Pat Kirkness reported that 100 new member packets have been delivered to SCERS. We also send out a mailing to new retirees, with so far poor response. Discussion was had about possible reasons for that, and ideas for improvement.

Pat also reported on SCERS meeting attendance and asked for a volunteer to join the May meeting online. Volunteered.

Ad Hoc Committee on annual luncheon - Hillary reported that the committee recommends that we adopt options a, b and c, below:

- a. Contract with the Old Spaghetti Factory to cater the luncheon
- b. Set the ticket price at \$25, with a maximum subsidy of \$5 over and above that amount.
- c. Support from treasurer and the Communications Committee for advertising and administrative details.

Motion: To approve the above options. M/S/P with one no vote noted.

Elections – Ed Steyh will notify the winners and report in April. New board members and alternates take office at the June meeting. Ballots were due back on the day of the meeting, and counting arrangements have been made.

Programs – The Holiday Luncheon being planned for December 14<sup>th</sup>, at West Seattle Golf Course. .

New Business - Bob Chandler raised the issue of the COLA announced at 1.5%, but inflation has been higher than that recently. Discussion was had about pressuring the SCERS Board for increasing the percentage. John Masterjohn and Mike Nagan will attempt to communicate with the Unions and the City, both of which were involved in the process, the inadequacy of the COLA and the need for higher future increases.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 AM.

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2022, at 10:00 AM via Zoom.

If you are unable to attend, please contact Mike Nagan in advance at 206-851-2101 or e-mail him at [president@arsce.org](mailto:president@arsce.org)

Respectfully submitted by Alan Brittenham, Recording Secretary