

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Past President Jeanne Berkshire in the absence of President Phil Franey. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Stramler and a moment of silence was held. The ballots for the election of REOKC Officers and Directors for 2011 were distributed at this time. There was one 1st time attendee at the meeting today. Steve West, Kern Federal Credit Union, introduced Jim Hussey, another employee of the credit union. 1st Vice President Ginger Carpenter introduced Sandy Morris, Community Relations Specialist with the Crime Prevention Unit of the Bakersfield Police Department. Sandy explained about the "Christmas for Senior's" Program she has running at this time of year and she also spoke on "Holiday Safety". Sandy had some very good comments and suggestions for our members.

TREASURER, Mary Lou Bennett gave the Treasurer's Report for October 2010 and the total REOKC membership as of October 31, 2010 was 4,332.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Lou Bennett announced the TREND was sent out on time.

HOST/HOSTESS PROGRAM – Mary Lou Bennett reported for the month of October there were 30 volunteers who worked 92 hours and assisted 1,021 visitors to the County Administrative Center. The total visitors assisted since 1992 through October 31, 2010 is 287,980.

EYE GLASS – Nettie Collins reported she has collected 5 pair of glasses, 3 eye glass cases and 2 pair of shades since her last report. The items Nettie collects are donated to the Lions Club.

SUNSHINE – Josie De La Torre reported she had sent out 7 Get Well Cards and 6 Sympathy Cards.

CRCEA – Delegate, Ginger Mello, gave a report on the conference held in October. She stated this conference was one of the best she has attended. The topics were timely and the speakers were excellent. Ginger also stated that it had come to her attention there are members of REOKC who think the officers of REOKC are employed by Kern County. Ginger informed the members this is an incorrect assumption on the part of the members and also spoke on the reason, in plain language, why we are contemplating an increase in dues. At this time, a number of members in attendance stated they had not voted and ballots were circulated so they could do so. The members were told if they had voted, they would only get to vote one time.

NEW BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS – After all ballots were tallied, Past President Jeanne Berkshire reported the following would be officers for REOKC for 2011: Phil Franey, President; Nancy Warnick, 1st Vice President; Teresa Vasquez, 2nd Vice President; Ginger Mello, Secretary and Mary Lou Bennett, Treasurer. The two new Directors for 2011-2012 will be Alan Annis and Sally Ruiz.

The attendance prize was won by Michelle Withrow. A travel bag, a cap and a cappuccino mug were donated by Kern Federal Credit Union for the drawing. Also for the raffle there were 39 cups of \$10.00 each and 4 cups with \$15.00 each. After the distribution of prizes, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of November 2010.

Ginger Mello, Secretary