

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
June 14, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Past President Jeanne Berkshire.

ROLL CALL: Alan Annis, Mary Lou Bennett, Jeanne Berkshire, Josie De La Torre, Ginger Mello, Brenda Preston, Tony Rizos, Teresa Vasquez and Nancy Warnick

OTHERS PRESENT: Earlene Smith and Josiah Vencel

MINUTES – MOTION by Nancy Warnick to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Josie De La Torre and **CARRIED.**

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mary Lou Bennett gave the Treasurer's Report and the Claims Paid Report for the month of May 2011. **MOTION** by Nancy Warnick to approve both reports, seconded by Josie De La Torre and **CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOST/HOUSTESS PROGRAM – Mary Lou Bennett reported for the month of May there were 32 volunteers who worked 98 hours and assisted 753 visitors to the County Administrative Center. Since the opening of the County Administrative Center in 1992 through May 2011 the volunteers have assisted 294,036 visitors.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Lou Bennett stated the TREND is a work in progress with only one article due to her by June 15th.

CALIFORNIA RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CRCEA) – Ginger Mello, delegate, reported she had received the Legislative Report from CRCEA and at the May meeting she announced there were a total of 37 legislative bills of interest to retirees working their way through Sacramento. Fortunately, 16 of those bills are now 2-year bills which means we have a short reprieve and 3 of the remaining bills have been suspended. For some reason 1 bill had not been heard. Ginger also stated she was going to read a brief history of CRCEA to the membership explaining the reason we need to continue being members of a bigger organization like CRCEA.

MONTHLY PROGRAM/SCHEDULED FUTURE PROGRAMS – Nancy Warnick reported Jennifer Perfect from American Red Cross would be our speaker today. SPCA was not able to be in attendance as scheduled. Nancy stated for our July meeting we will have the First Annual Health Fair and in August we will have Lance Howard as our speaker. Lance is an investment officer.

KERN COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (KCERA) – Josiah Vencel announced there would be NO increase in SRBR3 in July 2011. Josiah stated Gloria Dominguez has started as the Assistant Executive Director. KCERA is in the process of updating their address information for everybody receiving a benefit from them.

COMMUNICATIONS – In the mail at the Post Office Box, we received a returned sympathy card which Josie De La Torre had sent to the family of Belva Jared, 2 identical Bakersfield Homeless Center Newsletters, a CD Maturity Notice from Kern Federal Credit Union, a statement from Kern Federal Credit Union, Invoice from Hall Letter Shop, advertisement of full-color templates from Hall Letter Shop, a postcard from the Secretary of State regarding the due date for Form SI-100, the California Meetings and Events Magazine and 6 County Newsletters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COORDINATED COUNTY EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION OF KERN COUNTY (CCEOK)** – No Report
- **WEB PAGE** – In the absence of Norman Briggs, Tony Rizos reported he is going to be putting the TREND on our website for the first time this month.
- **RETIREE BENEFITS COMMITTEE** – No Report
- **PACIFIC GROUP SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS** – Mary Lou Bennett gave an update of policies issued since REOKC began the supplement benefits program. They are as follows: PPO Dental 74, HMO Dental 155, Vision 219, Pre-paid Legal 15, ID Theft Shield 13, Personal Accident and Secure Travel 27 which totals 503 as of June 13, 2011. Pet Insurance has not been tracked to the number of policies issued.
- **POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL/BYLAWS REVIEW** – As chair of the assigned committee, Ginger stated she has received information from Mary Lou Bennett with communication from Jeanne Berkshire and Norman Briggs. She sent requests twice to Phil Franey for his input but didn't receive any comments from him. She asked the Board for guidance on how to proceed. The Board stated to send the corrections from Mary Lou and Ginger to Phil and let him respond to the information.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **HEALTH FAIR** – After extended discussion regarding the health fair, it was decided everybody who planned to have lunch (even though it is a free lunch to all members) needs a luncheon ticket. This is the only way Brenda can call Mossman's with a reservation number to be assured of enough food for lunch. For the members to attend the Health Fair, they will have to enter the doors on the South side of the building. The Board Room has been reserved from 8:30 a.m. until

4:30 p.m. and the large room from 9:30 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. This will give the sponsors of the Health Fair enough time to set up. It was also decided that as good hosts REOKC should plan to provide lunch for all sponsors that day.

MOTION by Nancy Warnick to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. and to visit our members in attendance at the meeting today, seconded by Theresa Vasquez and **CARRIED.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Ginger Mello, Secretary