

RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF KERN COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
May 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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 Mary Lou Bennett 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 April 2011. **MOTION** by Nancy Warnick to approve both reports, seconded by Teresa Vasquez and **CARRIED.** After a short discussion about the Audit Report, a **MOTION** by Nancy Warnick to ratify the Audit Report was seconded by Tony Rizos and **CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HOST/HOESSTESS PROGRAM – Mary Lou Bennett reported that for the month of April there were 25 volunteers who worked 77 hours and assisted 723 visitors to the County Administrative Center. Since the opening of the County Administrative Center in 1992 through April 2011 the volunteers have assisted 293,283 visitors.

NEWSLETTER – Mary Lou Bennett stated the latest issue of the TREND was out prior to the first of May.

CALIFORNIA RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CRCEA) – Ginger Mello, delegate, reported the Spring Conference was held in San Diego from April 18-20, 2011. Ginger gave a synopsis of each presentation at the conference stating the speakers were very interesting and knowledgeable. One presentation became very heated (verbally) between retirees and representatives of tax fighters and/or taxpayer associations. The Round Table discussions give all attendees the opportunity to learn more about the lawsuits of the associations who have filed. As of this conference, there were five associations involved in litigation. Two important items were discussed at the Business Meeting on the morning of April 20th. The fee for attending the conferences was increased from \$25 to \$35 per attendee beginning at the Fall Conference to be held in Santa Rosa, CA from October 24 – 26, 2011. The attendee fee goes directly to the conference committee hosting each conference. The second item was sent to the Bylaws Committee for a proposal to be brought to the delegates by September 1, 2011 for discussion with each of their associations and then a vote will take place at the fall conference. This proposal will be to increase the dues paid by each association yearly from \$.45 per member to \$.55 per

member. It was suggested that the extra \$.10 could be split in half and be used by the spring and fall conferences but handled by the CRCEA executive committee.

MONTHLY PROGRAM/SCHEDULED FUTURE PROGRAMS – Nancy Warnick reported that Della Hodson from United Way would be the speaker for today. Nancy stated for the June meeting we will have Sandy Draille from SPCA; August, Bakersfield Police Department and September, Friends of the Library will be speaking. July program has not been determined at this time.

KERN COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION (KCERA) - Josiah Vencel announced that Gloria Dominguez would become the Assistant Executive Director the first week of June replacing Leigh Blair who retired.

COMMUNICATIONS - In the mail at the Post Office Box, we received from Kern Federal Credit Union 1 statement, 2 notices of CD maturity and a receipt for a new CD, 4 Bakersfield Homeless Center newsletters (2 copies of 2 different issues), a copy of a letter from General Services requesting the Board of Supervisors recognize our Host/Hostess Program, 1 Pipeline Safety Brochure, 5 County Newsletters and 1 letter giving permission to increase dues in all future increases.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **COORDINATED COUNTY EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION OF KERN COUNTY (CCEOK)** – Secretary Ginger Mello reported the meeting was held on May 6th with each union represented and REOKC was represented by Jeanne Berkshire, Norman Briggs and Ginger. The discussion of the meeting was where each union stands on their negotiations with the County. The next meeting will be held in August and hosted by SEIU.
- **WEB PAGE** – No Report
- **RETIREE BENEFITS COMMITTEE** – No Report
- **PACIFIC GROUP SUPPLEMENTAL BENEFITS** – No Report
- **POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL/BYLAWS REVIEW** – Work in Progress

NEW BUSINESS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

MOTION by Mary Lou Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m., seconded by Josie De La Torre and **CARRIED.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, Ginger Mello, Secretary

