

REMCO  
Luncheon Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Call to Order:

President Lola Barnett called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Head Table was introduced, noting the attendance of Secretary LaVon Justice, Vice President Kaye Greeley, Risk Analyst Marla Pettygrove, Delores White, Treasurer David Baker and honored guests Mr. and Mrs. John Sykes. Mr. Sykes has provided the community with 40 years of service at the Kiwanis Club of Greater Merced amusement park, Kiddieland. Lola reported receiving the resignation letter of Sandy Teague as the Merced County Retirement Board Representative. Ron Kinchloe would move from Alternate to Representative.

Treasurer's Report:

David Baker asked the members which fish has two knees - a Tunee fish! David provided the Treasurer's Report for the second quarter: Deposits of \$9976 (membership dues, raffle ticket proceeds). Debits of \$3956 (prior luncheon costs, \$56.77 Wells Fargo bank fees, postage for the newsletters, and conference expenses), and \$100 for Petty Cash, leaving a new balance of \$54,505.35. David reported that one of the recommendations of the formal audit was to place some of the reserve fund into a step-up CD to earn interest, which he agreed was a fiscally responsible action that he would execute in the immediate future. There was a motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report and approve moving money to a CD - **\*M/S/P.**

Secretary's Report:

Secretary LaVon Justice reported highlights of the minutes of the March 13, 2012 REMCO meeting. The Secretary reported the full report is now on the REMCOMerced.com website, as well as hard copies were available for any members that requested them. There was a motion made to accept the Report - **\*M/S/P.**

New Business

Lola introduced Norma DeSousa who requested that Marla Pettygrove come to the podium. Norma wanted to recognize Marla, her husband, and son for their participation in The Music Man at the Playhouse Merced. Norma reported it was a wonderful performance that was enjoyed by all who attended. Norma said REMCO members were very lucky to have such a skilled representative to that provides them in benefits assistance and entertainment.

Risk Analyst Marla Pettygrove reported the Healthcare Committee would meet on June 13th regarding the Medicare supplement. Presently, the supplement for Retirees is the same as active over 65 employees. The County is looking at other options of coverage that might offer retirees with spouses premiums that are less than current premiums. If a retiree has spousal coverage, then checking other options might offer a lower premium; if coverage is for retiree only, the current coverage is better due to being part of the consortium. Marla reminded REMCO members that she is there for us.

Lola announced the Scholarship winners: Graduating Seniors: Jessica Munday, parents Bryan and Sherry Munday, Retiree: Grandmother Sylvia Sylvester. Katrina Justice, parents Aaron and Cheryl Justice, Retiree: Grandmother LaVon Justice. Continuing Education: Nolan Flores, parents Victorio Flores and Lisa Martinelli, Retiree: Grandmother Linda Martinelli. Trent Goiburn, Parents Troy and Lisa Goiburn, Retiree: Grandfather Lloyd Virgo.

Lola reported that Castle Air Museum has a link on the REMCO website, and members could purchase a brick engraved with up to three lines for \$100 to honor someone for the new walkway.

Lola asked for the Insurance Committee Report. Linc Clendenin, Chair of the Healthcare Committee reported that the next meeting would be 10:00 AM on June 13th for further discussion on possible options.

Lola reported that Mike Sofranek was not present to give a report on the website. Maria Arevalo was not present to report on MCREA activities.

Kaye Greeley, Chair of the Membership Committee reminded members that new retirees through December 2011 to March 2012 numbered over 80 with only 38 becoming members of REMCO. Kaye stated there is strength in numbers and that REMCO becomes a stronger organization with each new member, and reminded members to encourage new retirees to become a member of REMCO.

Lola thanked Delores White and Shirley Winton for all their help with meal tickets and reservations. Lola presented Delores White with a Certificate and a personalized clock. Lola acknowledged that Shirley Winton usually donated 5 - 10% of her jewelry sales to REMCO. As Shirley was not present, David Block volunteered to give Shirley her certificate and clock.

Lola announced the winners of the raffle of a free lunch for a retiree and a guest: Margaret Lawrence, Mary Coakley, Ann Bettencourt, Claudia Fournier, and John Carlisle.

Lola called a break for lunch and resumed the meeting at 1:00 PM

Lola reported that several issues were brought up at the Board of Directors meeting, with the recommendation that they be brought to the membership for vote. The first suggestion was to increase the scholarship from \$500 to \$1000. Norma DeSousa made a motion, seconded by Linc Clendenin. Discussion came from the floor to do away with the scholarships in favor of building up a reserve fund. Other suggestions were having three scholarships; two for high school and one for continuing education. One suggestion was two scholarships at \$1,000 each. Motions were made to return to the Board of Directors for additional discussion, and to do away with the scholarships completely -M/S/F for both. Scholarships will remain status quo.

Next suggestion to be brought to the membership for a vote was whether to purchase raffle prizes, rather than depending upon donations. A motion was made to continue the 50/50 raffle, with the other half of the raffle monies used to purchase raffle prizes for the December luncheon - M/S/P

Lola asked if members would bring a can or two for a canned food drive to be donated after the December meeting.

Lola reminded members that pension reform actions are still being discussed, with benefits recently being rolled back for San Diego and San Jose. Lola reminder members that the next meeting would be September 11, 2012. Karolyn Alvarez has volunteered to take over reservations since Shirley Winton would no longer be available due to upcoming knee surgeries. Karolyn's email address will be in the Newsletter and members can contact her by email with their reservations.

Lola called for a moment of silence for our heroes, deceased members, firefighters and soldiers who have died in the line of duty.

No other business being brought forward, a motion was made to adjourn, seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM.

**\*M/S/P=Motion/Second/Passed**