

REMCO Board Meeting
3199 M Street
Merced, CA
May 23, 2012

Call meeting to order: 1:15 PM

Present: Lola Barnett, David Baker, Sandy Teague, John Carlisle, Mike Sofranek and LaVon Justice. Absent: Ron Kinchloe, Kaye Greeley, Linc Clendenin, Vivian Stierwalt, Marie McDonagh, and Scott Johnston.

New Business

Sandy Teague reported CRCEA had sent a very long letter (8-10 pages) to Governor Brown and delegates regarding modifying pensions to a 401 type vs. current defined benefits; noting, that change would be a train wreck waiting to happen.

Honoring Shirley Winton and Delores White:

Lola reported that Shirley Winton will not be taking luncheon reservations any longer and Delores White is moving out of the area. Discussion on how to honor both ladies for their service and commitment to REMCO in the past, such as certificates honoring their service. Mike Sofranek offered to check with Etch This and That for an item that could be etched or have a plaque attached, and would report back when he had some information. David Baker reported that Shirley had donated 5% of her jewelry sales in addition to making reservations and handling lunch ticket sales. A motion was made and seconded to purchase gifts up to a \$100 each. Motion passed.

Replacements for Shirley and Delores:

It was further discussed to present to the membership the need for replacements for Shirley and Delores, and ask for volunteers or suggestions of someone who might be interested in serving.

Audit Final Results:

Ron Kinchloe was not present to report on his final results. David reported that Ron wanted to continue the audit to have a two-year audit that would encompass both past and present history. Ron had informed David that he was doing a good job.

Comments from Scholarship Committee Chair:

Lola reported that she would like to make some changes to the Scholarship letter to ensure community service is noted on the applicant's resume/application for scholarship. John Carlisle suggested language in the letter to be added for community service involvement, and emphasis on extra-curricular activity, mentioning other schools/universities place an emphasis in their ratings for community service. Discussion was held on increasing the scholarship amount from \$500 to a larger amount. The money for the scholarships is generated by the monies from the raffle ticket sales. The current amount may be sufficient for a semester for students attending Merced Community College, however, for others attending State Universities, it may not be enough to cover a semester. A motion was made and seconded to bring up the proposed scholarship amount increase to the general membership. Motion passed.

Results of Scholarship Awards:

Scholarships awarded this year for High School graduates: Jessica Munday, parents: Bryan and Sherry Munday, retiree: Sylvia Sylvester, grandmother. Katrina Justice, parents: Aaron and Cheryl Justice, retiree: Alice LaVon Justice, grandmother.

Continuing Education: Trent Goiburn, parents: Troy and Lisa Virgo Goiburn, retiree: Lloyd Virgo, grandfather. Nolan Flores, parents: Victorio Flores and Lisa Marie Martinelli, retiree: Linda Martinelli, grandmother.

Other Business:

Discussion was held on redoing the REMCO membership letter. John Carlisle reported that due to non-response to requests to renew their membership from members who had been paying by check, there are no members currently paying by check, which makes mailing out the newsletter easier and less costly not addressing envelopes by hand and mailing them regular mail rather than bulk rates.

Mike Sofranek reminded attendees that bricks for the pathway at the Castle Air Museum can be purchased for \$50 with 3 lines of text. Mike asked if REMCO wanted to purchase a brick to honor REMCO retirees that had served. Discussion was held with no action taken.

Mike asked if REMCO wished to honor John Sykes with a certificate of honor in appreciation of his years of service to the community at the Kiwanis Kiddieland. Mike would handle if others agreed. Asked if there were others that should be honored.

Lola said she thought it would be a good idea to have a canned food drive by REMCO members in December and have it mentioned in the September newsletter.

David Baker reported approximately \$51,000 in the REMCO account. He suggested that \$25,000 could be moved to a flexible CD to earn a step-up rate of interest. It would be liquid, able to take out money without a penalty if it was necessary. There would be sufficient monies in the bank account to cover monthly expenses if this action was approved. A motion was made and seconded to move \$25,000 into a step increase CD at Wells Fargo. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.