

REMCOAI General Meeting Minutes  
REMCO Luncheon Follows  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

President Sandy Teague called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence for those members not with us and those in Military or Public Safety uniforms, followed with the introduction of the Head Table: Director Scott Johnston, Treasurer Lola Barnett, Vice President Kaye Greeley and Secretary LaVon Justice.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Justice reported highlights of the minutes of the March 10, 2015 REMCOAI General Meeting with luncheon. The full report is posted on the REMCO website and hard copies are available from the Secretary. Motion to accept report - \*M/S/P

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lola Barnett reported current balance of \$64,329.15; excluding the 2 CD's of \$50,556.46, and including petty cash of \$100; current deposits of \$12,803.36 and total expenses to date of \$7,320.70.

Treasurer Barnett reported that CASA is asking for donations of shoes. Members can contact Galen Chastain of 1567 San Luis Obispo Ct, Merced to take their donations or call 209 769-8516, his cell, or 209 722-3406 or they can contact Lola if wishing to donate.

Treasurer Barnett reported that 21 excellent scholarship applications were received, and reviewed and ranked by the Scholarship Committee. In the category of High School Graduates, the winners were Megan Kravec, Parents Brian & Mary Kravec, Retiree: John and Marie Fowler and Jane Eckles, Parents: Robert & Marilyn Eckles, Retiree: Sandy Teague. In the category of Continuing Education the winners were Gabrielle Nord, Parent and Retiree: Rita Nord, and Jordan Nunes, Parents: Jon & Kelly Nunes, Retiree: Michael Tanner. Jordan was not present to receive her certificate, which was presented to her grandfather. Megan, Jane and Gabrielle each gave a short speech on their goals, where they were continuing their education, and their appreciation on receiving their scholarship. Jane Eckles also gave REMCO Secretary a letter of Thank you for REMCO members.

President Teague introduced our speaker, Sheriff Vern Warnke, asking for an update on how safe we were. Sheriff Warnke reported that 50 known gang members had been arrested and had to bail out, rather than just being released. Sheriff Warnke reported that he is down 22 positions as well as another 8 being out on workers compensation.

He stated he told his administration staff they may need to "suit up", including himself, to patrol to keep the streets safe. He noted that because of Prop 47 if someone is found with a pocket of drugs, they can't be arrested as had been the case before Prop 47 was enacted; they are now cited and given a ticket. The jails are not as full as before because of AB109, because inmates have to be released, but the statistics show they are back out committing new crimes. The members gave a huge round of applause for Sheriff Warnke.

President Teague introduced Wendy Alvares of Risk Management to discuss dental coverage changes. Wendy stated that the County was proposing to change coverage to Delta Dental in 2016, who offered negotiated rates which saves premium costs and potentially increasing the annual maximum of coverage. She didn't have firm premium costs as yet but information will be forthcoming from the County in the next month or two. She reported that in reviewing dental claims history only 1-2 % of those claims would not be covered under the preferred coverage discounts provided by Delta Dental. Ballots would be sent out by the County for members to vote on an annual maximum and premium rate and the results will be shared with the Board of Directors to vote for the choice the majority of members had chosen. A member reported that the Courts had already moved to Delta Dental and Court retirees were very happy with the coverage. Wendy also shared that she had Delta Dental under her prior employer and she was looking forward to again having dental coverage with Delta Dental.

President Teague reported that a new ballot measure to cut public pensions has been proposed by former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and former San Diego Councilman Carl DeMaio for the November 2016 election. This is not the first time Mayor Reed has proposed to decrease or eliminate public pensions. The pension plan as REMCO members have known may no longer exist - employees will have 401k's or individual IRAs. In addition there are two House Bills in Congress that would affect Social Security. Those bills are HR711 and HR973 that members should be aware of. President Teague stated he had a copy of the language if anyone is interested.

President Teague asked three representatives of InShape to come to the front of the head table for members to see who they were and they would be at a corner table to answer questions on Silver Sneakers and applying for membership in InShape. President Teague said InShape Millennium on Yosemite Ave does not accept applications for membership. The only requirements for Silver Sneakers membership is a driver's license or other ID, proof of health insurance in Medicare and United Health Care. Membership is free and a Silver Sneakers card is provided by Healthways FIT.

President Teague reported that the Officers of REMCO are coming to the end of their two-year term and an election would be held to fill the offices of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Last year the election for Directors was held as it was an even year and the officers' election is held in odd years. President Teague reported that the deadline for submitting nominees is June 30th to him. Ballots will be mailed in July with a response deadline of August 28, 2015. Final results will be reported and Officers installed at the Annual Business Meeting September 8, 2015. If anyone suggests a members' name for an office, be sure that the member has given permission for his or her name to be entered.

President Teague asked Directors if they had anything to report. Receiving no reports, President Teague reported that the next luncheon would be September 8, 2015 and that lunch costs will be \$6 for those reservations received before the deadline and \$12 for those received after the deadline. Costs of lunches are \$18, with members paying 1/3 and REMCO covering 2/3. When REMCO receives an invoice from the Elks Lodge that has increased the cost of the lunches, the Board of Directors will vote to go back to lunch costs being covered 50/50 as discussed with members at the Annual Business meeting 9/9/14. Meeting closed at 12:05 pm by President Sandy Teague with lunch following.