

REMCO
Luncheon Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Call to Order:

President Lola Barnett called the meeting to order at 12:05 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Lola stated the meeting would be brief as we had entertainment and lots of prizes to raffle. Lola reported all the canned food donations were to be placed under the tree and would be disbursed after the meeting.

Lola reported there had been no Board of Directors' meeting since the September luncheon meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

David Baker provided the Treasurer's Report for the fourth quarter: Deposits of \$9141; CD: \$25,020.96; Debits of \$5421.20, \$100 Petty Cash, leaving a new balance of \$64,205.35. Accept Report - ***M/S/P**.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary LaVon Justice reported highlights of the minutes of the September 11, 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. Accept Report - ***M/S/P**.

The Head Table was introduced: Bren and Brenda attending as MCERA representatives for Maria Arevalo; Retirement Board Representative, Ron Kinchloe; VP Kaye Greeley; Treasurer David Baker, Secretary LaVon Justice, and Risk Analyst Marla Pettygrove.

Marla reported that the current plan premium would increase 3.3%. Discussions continue on changing from a group plan to individual plans for the Over 65 County supplemental health insurance. A variety of plans, A through N, are available for the REMCO members to chose from, as well as several pharmacy plans. Marla reported that there would be informational meetings and seminars before changing to a new healthcare plan, sometime in the Spring, with possible implementation in July 2013. Marla answered questions from the floor then turned it over to Linc Clendenin, Chair of the Healthcare Committee. Linc informed members discussions were ongoing on the amount of the County subsidy, no amounts were settled; looking at a age-graded amount as premiums are higher for those above age 75. Linc relayed that an option that the County pay half of any premium increases as had been past-practice had been proposed.

Retirement Board Representative Ron Kinchloe reported that Scott Johnston had been accepted as Retirement Board Alternate. Meetings are held at MCREA the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month.

Brenda reported that the section of AB197 that would eliminate as of January 1, 2013 the 160 hours of accrued vacation time considered compensable income by the Ventura Act was under legal review. Employees retiring before the end of the year to benefit from the additional 160 hours toward their retirement calculations were informed they could rescind their request to retire. AB 340 created two new levels of retirement, Tier 3 and 4 with different contribution rates and averages.

Lola introduced the Sweet Adeline Group, who sang seasonal songs, with the members joining in on the chorus of some of the songs.

12:50 PM: Break for lunch. Raffle was held. Lola thanked Karol and the crew for reservations/arrangements. Next luncheon March 12th. A moment of silence was held, and with no other business brought forward, the Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.