

REMCO
Luncheon Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Call to Order:

President Lola Barnett called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Head Table was introduced, noting the attendance of Secretary LaVon Justice, Vice President Kaye Greeley, Treasurer David Baker and Retirement Board Representative Sandy Teague.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary LaVon Justice reported the minutes of the June 14, 2011 REMCO meeting. Motion to accept Secretary's report, seconded. Accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

David Baker reported the third quarter balance of \$37,894.74. Deposits of \$9348 (membership dues, raffle ticket proceeds and a donation of \$30 by Shirley Winton). Debits of \$2803.67 (prior luncheon bills and bank fees), and \$100 for Petty Cash, leaving a new balance of \$37,994.74.

David also reported that Ron Kinchloe is auditing the accounts and believes all will pass. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report, seconded. Accepted.

VP Kaye Greeley reported she had received 25 calls for lunch reservations after the deadline. She stated the other ladies who have been taking reservations deserve a badge for their efforts. The Thursday before the Tuesday luncheon is the deadline to ensure that the appropriate amount of food is available for the members and to minimize expenditures. Kaye reminded members that the December 13th meeting is free for members and is heavily attended so early reservations would be very much appreciated.

John Carlisle, Newsletter Editor, responded to comment from the floor about late delivery of the newsletter. John reported that the newsletter is bulk mail and is supposed to be mailed within two weeks of the Post Office receiving the newsletter. The Post Office took 4 weeks to send out the newsletters so the lateness of the newsletters was the fault of the Post Office. John would try to have the next newsletter mailed out as early as possible although members should be aware by now that the meeting is the second Tuesday of March, June, September and December.

Mike Sofranek reported the new website is up and running, it is still at the same address, REMCOMerced.com, and it is possible to have many items on the website. If a member has something to sell that they want listed, or have a business they would like to advertise, contact Mike about getting it on the website or reservations can be taken if a member emails Mike. In response to a question from the floor about non-members accessing the website, John Carlisle responded that they could.

Lola asked Sandy Teague to report on his activities as Retirement Representative and CRCEA Secretary. Sandy reported on the handout of MCREA activities from June 23rd through September 8th, and reported he could provide in-depth information if a member wanted more details. Sandy reported Merced County is one of 20 counties represented by CRCEA. The upcoming CRCEA conference is October 23-26 in Santa Rosa. Conferences will be held April 2012 in Tulare and October 2012 in Stanislaus, near enough that REMCO members could attend for a first-hand view of discussions on important items such as lobbyist bills that could determine a positive or negative outcome on our pensions.

Lola reported that the Retirement Board Representative and Alternate would be elected in December. If any member wished to place their name on the ballot to contact David Baker. Linc Clendenin stated that those wishing to be on the ballot need to sign up at the County Elections Office, and asked for support of Sandy Teague and Ron Kinchloe, for their great representation for REMCO.

Lola reminded members to get their raffle tickets for the money prizes and See's Candies.

Lola thanked Kaye Greeley for her help with the reservations and taking monies during sign in. Lola reported that Shirley Winton's daughter passed away in August. Also noted as recently passing away was Jerry Brockman, Steven Wight, and Sandra Robledo.

Lola reminded members that the next meeting is December 13, 2011.

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

Lola reported that Norma DaSousa had provided the name of a group of karaoke singers that would entertain the members during lunch - Jan and Friends.

Dorothy Gloss, an AARP representative, asked if any members would like to volunteer to provide tax assistance to seniors at the Senior Center at 15th and O Streets. She reported that training is provided for those who volunteer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.