

REMCO Board Meeting
3199 M Street
Merced, CA
November 9, 2011

President Lola Barnett called meeting to order at 1:10 PM

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

New Business

Unable to approve minutes of last Board meeting as both Kaye Greeley and Sandy Teague, who took minutes at the last meeting due to the absence of the Secretary, were not present.

Shirley Winton will take reservations for the December 13th luncheon meeting. However, it is not known if she will be attending the meeting. The need for someone to help with the luncheon ticket sales was discussed. Ron Kinchloe volunteered to help with the raffle ticket sales and would be at the meeting early to go over the process.

Door prizes were discussed: what type (raffle, 50/50, donated items). History of the previous type of door prizes was provided by John Carlisle. President Barnett suggested the Secretary email Kaye Greeley and Mike Sofranek for information on prior donors. The proceeds of the raffle is deposited in the general fund per David Baker. Discussion was held on using general fund money to provide raffle items such as candy and wine. A motion was made by John Carlisle and seconded by Marie McDonagh to use general fund money, with a cap of \$100, to purchase See's candy for the December meeting. Lola suggested either Kaye or Scott to purchase the See's candy. Lola will provide 4-5 bottles of Turning Leaves wine to be raffled off as well. A 50/50 money raffle, either one large prize or broken into several smaller "pots", and the possibility of other donated items was also discussed. Lola asked that individuals contact the Secretary of donations (donor name and item) who would create a list for posting at the meeting to generate more ticket sales.

Entertainment for the December meeting was discussed: Lola mentioned Sweet Adeline's, Barber Shop Quartets, and karaoke groups as possibilities. Lola proposed to contact Donna Lee in the Sweet Adeline's; Scott would check with Stu McElwain on a quartet group; Marie mentioned Gloria Coronas singing at Fernando's on Thursdays and would check if she was interested in providing entertainment for the December meeting. As several people were checking on entertainment possibilities, it was decided whoever provided the Secretary with the information first would provide entertainment for the December meeting. If more than one entertainer was willing to provide entertainment, they might be considered for subsequent meetings. The President suggested the new groups would be given top priority, and if none available for the meeting, Lola would check on the availability of Jan and Friends karaoke group.

President Barnett provided information on pension reform plans including Governor Brown's 12-point plan, and other pension reform initiatives being placed on the ballot for the 2012 elections.

David Baker reported CRCEA was raising dues ten cents per member, and a \$10 increase (from \$25 to \$35) for attendees of the conferences. Even with the increase, the services of CRCEA is considered a bargain by Board members. David reported that a conference in Stanislaus County would be held the 3rd week of October 2012 and in Fresno County the 3rd week of October 2013. Stan County would like us to merge with them and help with the conference. Discussion was held on what is required of us: time, staff, funds and would this be a benefit to REMCO. David will create a synopsis on CRCEA activities and email to the Secretary. Ron Kinchloe will contact someone in Stan County if the meetings the contact person attends are CRCEA meetings.

President Barnett discussed Crime Stoppers, a newly formed group in need of donations. Both David and Kaye serve on their Board, along with the District Attorney. The possibility of donating REMCO funds and an amount of donation was tabled, to be discussed when more Board Members were in attendance.

Old Business:

Ron Kinchloe reported that both he and Sandy Teague were the only ones that ran for seats on the Retirement Board. He also reported that a Deferred Compensation meeting was held in September where Linc Clendenin requested to be on the Deferred Compensation Board. Sandy Teague was to meet with Interim CEO James Brown. Ron had no status of that request as Sandy was not present to report. David Baker reported that the meeting had not taken place.

Ron further reported that the Audit is almost finished. Usually two years of an agency's financial records are required for a full audit; however, two years of REMCO records are not available. Ron reported that REMCO is in good shape, that the Treasurer, David Baker, has maintained good records. However, he suggested certain checks and balances such as one person selling tickets and another counting cash; noting how much collected from luncheon sales, and raffle ticket sales. Given the size and voluntary nature of the organization, it was decided not to change the process at this time. Ron reported that he would have a full report by the February Board meeting.

David reported that the fund balance was currently \$38,002.29.

President Barnett reported that the Audit Committee can recommend checks and balances after the meeting. The Secure Horizons health premium had increased. Scott reported that a health benefit meeting had been held. Additional benefits for dental had been discussed. The County is interested in looking into a higher cap on dental costs. Marie reported there had been a \$2000 cap for retirees but retirees had previously said they could not afford the premiums. Scott said there may be two plans: one plan with a \$1000 cap on dental and one with a \$2000 cap on dental.

No further items to be discussed, President Lola Barnett adjourned the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.