Chabot-Las Positas Association of Retired Employees

Board Meeting July 16, 2012 San Ramon Country Club, San Ramon

Board Members Present: Dick Albert, Clyde Allen, Linda Barde-Zimmerling (President), Gay Connor, Don Nilson, JoAnne Neu, Isabel Polvorosa, Sophie Rheinheimer, Chet Rhoan, Lucy Sponsler, Bill Threlfall, Sharon Trethan, Bob Wiseman

Absent: Rachel Maldonado Aziminia, Esther Goldberg, Art Larson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Linda Barde-Zimmerling, President.

1. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2012 were approved as submitted.

2. Reports:

A. Las Positas Liaison

Sophie Rheinheimer reported on the July 4 program at Las Positas College, noting that the program, which included fireworks, was enjoyed by attendees.

Sophie stated that Kevin Walthers is doing well as Las Positas' new president.

B. Grant Program

Sophie spoke about the Grant Program. Reports from last year's recipients have been submitted, and all expressed their appreciation for CARE's generous funding. All information on this year's process is on the website. Sophie emphasized that we all have to make sure both colleges and district know about the program, that we literally have to bombard them with this information. Linda sent a mass informational email out to everyone before the end of school, and will send another one after classes begin. The applications will be due September 21.

C. Newsletter

Bill Threlfall discussed items needed for the next Newsletter. He distributed copies of a sheet showing Board members' assignments, due November 9, 2012. A biography is needed, and Linda Barde volunteered to provide a biographical article to Bill. He asked Don Nilson to assist Sophie and Isabel Polvorosa in preparing an article for the Newsletter on the Grant program.

Sharon Trethan said that a timeline should be included in the flyer on the next reunion, stating that there will be a social first, and establishing a timeline for the various activities being planned. Gay Connor will prepare a

schedule and send it to Bill. Bill also mentioned that retirees may be invited to a program at the Chabot College Planetarium by Scott Hildreth and if the invitation is received in time it could be included in the Newsletter.

D. Treasurer

Sharon presented a current report on funds and distributed copies of the report to attendees.

E. Webmaster

Bill Threlfall reported the numbers of participants using CARE's web pages, including the fact that we now have 82 go green participants. He presented information on visitors, and noted that we can see what people are looking at and what they are searching for. The President thanked Bill for his precise and interesting research.

F. CARE Fund

Clyde Allen reported that there has been no change in the CARE Fund since the last meeting, but since the fiscal year ends at the end of June and an audit is due, hopefully by October, there should be changes in the next report.

G. Activities

Gay Connor announced that the date of January 19, 2013, the date selected by the CARE Board for the next Reunion, has been cleared with the country club management. In addition, the date of October 29, 2012 is available for the next Board meeting.

H. Chabot College Liaison

Isabel commented on lay-offs taking place at Chabot College as well as others District-wide. A discussion ensued about this matter. Linda mentioned positions that are not being filled due to lack of funds and suggested that an article be placed in the Newsletter about what is happening in terms of lay-offs. Isabel agreed that this would of interest to readers; and she also said that Chabot's Classified employees now have a website and are working toward passing a parcel tax that would help the college.

I. District Liaison

Sharon reported that she had attended a memorial for Irv Batz and said a number of people from the District and the colleges were in attendance.

Sharon reported that Joel Kinnamon is no longer District Chancellor, but has taken another position at College of the Desert. Susan Cota is serving as interim chancellor for a period of two months. Sharon noted also that she has heard nothing about a search for a new chancellor. In addition, she reported on other changes at the District Office.

J. Other Topics

The President directed the discussion on several subjects such as changes in health benefits, actions of the Board of Trustees, changes taking place due to lack of funding, and nominations for vacant Board positions. She suggested that current Board members consider retirees who would be interested in serving on the CARE Board.

K. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, October 29, 2012, at 11:00 a.m.

L. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, JoAnne Neu, Secretary

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