Chabot Las Positas Association of Retired Employees Board Meeting July 19, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Gay Connor, Tom Gerrits, JoAnne Neu, Wayne Phillips, Irene Plunkett, Art Tenbrink, Bill Threlfall, Sharon Trethan

Absent: Dick Albert, Helen Bridge, Rachel Maldonado Aziminia, Don Nilson, Excused: Art Larson (emeritus)

GREETINGS AND CHECK-IN

A new board member, Wayne Phillips, was introduced. Each board member provided a brief introduction.

MARCH 2018 MINUTES

M/S/P (Threlfall/Geritts) to approve the March 14, 2018, minutes.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

An addition to the agenda was Threlfall's report on retirement advice.

PROPOSALS FROM CHRISTINE PETRO, CHABOT COLLEGE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION.

Plunkett reported on the offers and suggestions by Petro during communication with her after the CARE Annual Reunion. She informed her that she would review them with the board. Some of the offer/suggestions are more informal than others. She will follow-up with Petro about the feelings of the board.

A. Petro: Newsletter distribution. Any time you want to send me a few extras (or drop them off), I'm happy to have them available at the Credit Union for our overlapping members to enjoy and take home in case they misplaced theirs.

It was noted that additional costs would be incurred. Since all retirees are already members of CARE and receive the newsletter, there was really nothing to be gained.

B. Petro: Also, I am happy to share any news you may have via the Credit Union's Facebook page so please send that information my way as well.

The board believes that using the Credit Union's Facebook page to announce the annual reunion in addition to the newsletter was a good idea to remind retirees that it was happening.

C. Petro: We could offer members of both groups the option of paying their dues via the Credit Union and we could let Sharon know when someone does. (Sharon, we used to do this at my old Credit Union for the Raychemers.)

Trethan noted that CARE is a small organization and it would be simpler and more efficient to keep things as they are for payment of dues. It also is a good way for members to keep their contact information up-to-date.

D. Petro: The Credit Union could potentially place a small ad in your newsletter and help defray some of your mailing costs.

Concern was expressed that this may open the door to having to allow other ads in the newsletter, which may not necessarily be a good thing. Threlfall will approach Petro about doing an interview for the newsletter to get the latest news and to help build a rapport between the Credit Union and retirees.

E. Petro: Also, the Board of Directors has a new policy that probably won't be of interest to you but I thought I'd mention it....our sponsors (including CARE) can now promote themselves via our statement mailings (for a small fee to cover our costs), via our soon to be revealed new website (using a link), in our office (which I already mentioned) and we will soon schedule financial workshops for a group of your members.

The board agreed it would be great to put a link to CARE on the Credit Union website. It was further agreed to emphasize to Petro that retirees are automatically members of CARE and that CARE is not really reaching out for new members and that the board's emphasis is to be working for them. Though the board did not believe it is able to implement many of Petro's specific ideas, there was unanimous consensus that the board continue to pursue and support a vigorous and mutual relationship with the CCFCU.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trethan reported that there are three new life members from the new batch of retirees and eight new life members from previous retirees.

COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In addition to the discussion regarding Petro's proposals, Threlfall explained the cost of hosting the website. In addition he explained how the email aliases work and that they are encrypted and cannot be obtained for use in spamming our retirees.

2018-2019 CARE GRANT PLANS/COMMITTEE

The CARE Grants committee members for 2018 are Gerrtis, Phillips, Tenbrink, and Threlfall.

UPDATES ON RECRUITING/MEMBERSHIP EFFORTS

Board members reported on the retirees they have approached about becoming involved in CARE. Gerrits will contact Mark Smythe. Plunkett announced that

there is a standing invitation for board members to feel free about outreaching to potential new board members.

JANUARY 2019 REUNION DISCUSSION—GENERAL IDEAS AND COMMITTEE FORMATION

The 2019 Reunion committee will consist of (at least) Connor, Gerrits, and Neu,. Preliminary research and ideas will be reported at October meeting.

OTHER/GOOD OF THE ORDER

Threlfall reported that an employee had asked if CARE could provide retirement advice. Because of the concern about the legal implications of the advice the CARE board might offer, the employee was referred to the District Human Resources Office. Furthermore, Threlfall reported he would do some research and perhaps place links to the STRS and PERS websites' retirement planning information on the CARE website. Threlfall suggested meeting with the new chancellor after she/he is selected to provide background on CARE and its activities and to establish a rapport.

NEXT MEETING

Next board meeting is Thursday, October 4, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. at the district office, conference room 1.

Respectfully Submitted, Rachel Maldonado Aziminia