Chabot Las Positas Association of Retired Employees Board Meeting July 22, 2015

MINUTES

Present: Helen Bridge, Shanon Christiansen, Gay Conner, Tom Gerrits, Rachel Maldonado-Aziminia, Joanne Neu, Don Nilson, Chet Rhoan, Dee Roshong, Art Tenbrink, Bill Threlfall, Sharon Trethan, Bob Wiseman;

Absent: Dick Albert, Art Larson (emeritus), Irene Plunkett

CALL TO ORDER

Bridge called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 16, 2015 will be approved at the next CARE meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Threlfall thanked all who contributed to the newsletter. The expenditure for the newsletter was \$639; this included \$481 for printing and \$221 for postage. The postage expenditure is in line with CARE's cost reimbursement policy. The next newsletter is due in the next few months.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Trethan distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The CARE budget will be able to cover the cost of the newsletter because it is only being printed twice a year versus four times. On behalf of CARE, Bridge provided a gift card to the Chabot College Planetarium for providing a special invitational showing of *Stars of the Winter Sky* for CARE board members and guests on March 28, 2015.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

No report.

CHABOT LIAISON REPORT

Maldonado Aziminia reported that two permanent administrators were hired during the summer, Dr. Jeanne Wilson, Dean of Special Programs, and Matt Kritscher, Vice President of Student Services.

LAS POSITAS LIAISON REPORT

Las Positas College celebrated its 40th Anniversary on April 17, 2015, and Roshong plans to invite the retirees who attended to the CARE January 2016 annual meeting. On April 25, 2015, the LPC Foundation sponsored the 12th Annual Best of the Best Gala that provided food and Livermore Valley wines as well as student performances. This event raised \$100,000 that will benefit the entire campus.

DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

Trethan shared with the Board the article in Reader's Digest about Tom Hanks and Chabot College.

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT

Threlfall reported that there are 196 participants in the directory that has a 250 capacity and this remains a constant number. In addition there are 211 email addresses and that the level of activity is similar to past reports.

Furthermore, he reported that Bridge suggested the *History Project: Chabot College First Twenty Years*. Anyone who is interested in contributing to the project should send the information to Bridge and it will be added to the collection. There is no right style or content of each individual's contribution, e.g., Esther Goldberg wrote a piece on her first year at Las Positas College. Rhoan volunteered to write an article on collective bargaining before the collective bargaining law was passed. It was recommended that board members visit the project and review the new contributions.

CARE GRANTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Threlfall reported that all the grants awarded last year have been funded and their final reports have been submitted. There were only four proposals submitted last year and all were funded.

He distributed his written report on the CARE Fund Special Projects Grant Program that was requested at the last CARE Board meeting. This report needs to be presented to the Board of Trustees. A discussion ensued on how to present this report to the BOT. It was decided that Bridge would request to have the report placed on the next BOT meeting's agenda.

The grant application is on the CARE website. A discussion ensued on how best to advertise the availability of the grant to the two campuses and the district. Threlfall agreed to write the email that will be sent out to everyone in the district and Maldonado Aziminia will be responsible for sending out the email because she has access to the district email system.

ISSUES OR COMMENTS: DIRECTORS

Rhoan reported that he has material on the history of CARE and needs someone to take over the information; Bridge will take possession of the material. Wiseman reported on the current income available in the CARE Fund.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bridge reported that the president of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College (ACCJC), Barbara Beno, is coming under scrutiny. The California Senate Education Committee approved oversight of the commission by the California Community College Board of Governors.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tenbrink reported that he participated in the LPC commencement, interacted with the LPC faculty, passed out CARE membership information and reassured them that there is "life after retirement for them in CARE."

On April 12, Tenbrink and his wife, Joan, celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary at the 150th Anniversary of General Lee's surrender to General Grant in Appomattox, Virginia, which effectively ended The Civil War. He reenacted the part of Joan's great-grandfather, a Union soldier who was a witness there on April 12, 1865. He stated that in forty years, his marital union has remained loving and civil.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on October 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the San Ramon Country Club.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Rachel Maldonado Aziminia