

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters

General Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020

Meeting was a teleconference using Zoom

Called to order at 11:05am by President Ray Storms – Roll Call

Officers Present:

Ray Storms – President; John Shuman – VP Police; Larry Samarron – Treasurer;
Dale Foster – Secretary

Officers Absent:

Walter Bugna – VP Fire

Directors Present:

Don Bartels; Ken Jacksteit; Gary Johnson

Directors Absent:

Mike Moffett; Tim I. Miller

Guests:

none

18 members attended the General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2020 – No Action Taken

- No minutes submitted or reviewed

Treasurer's Report – No Action Taken

- Treasurer Samarron provided a report on Account Balances and Income/ Expenditures for November 2020. His financial report was shared via Zoom.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

- No Reports

Old Business – No Action Taken

- The Retirement Solutions Working Group has a meeting on December 14, 2020 that President Storms plans on attending.
- Council Member Contact and Communications Project - Secretary Foster and Dustin DeRollo have been working together on this issue and have started a draft document, more work will be done on it in the coming months.
- A new Retiree Police Representative for the Retirement Board needs to be found, Nick Muyo left the Board in November.
- Follow-up is needed to confirm that police retiree Bob Gisburne lost his home in the Santa Cruz mountain fires this summer.

New Business – Action Taken

- The issue of the controversial art work sponsored by the City of San Jose Art Alliance and displayed at the San Jose International Airport was discussed by the Board. The artwork depicts the thin blue line US flag being flown upside down (meaning the US in distress) by people standing on a police vehicle with red blotches in the windows (could be interpreted as blood from shot police officers). The POA raised issue with the city and the airport, and the piece was removed from display. The Board wants to support the POA and share the Association's disappointment in the decision by the city and airport to show this so-called art work. We will be contacting the POA to show our support for their actions and offer to work with them to prevent further issues of this type.
- The issue of a "Watch Dog Group" urging appeals courts to lift secrecy on disability pensions for government workers was discussed. We will need to keep our eye on this issue to see if anything comes of this.

Vice Presidents' Report – No Action Taken

- VP Bugna stated that 7 of the Survivor Guides for Dealing with Death were distributed in the last month.

Presidents Report – No Action Taken

- President Storms is still planning on having a meeting with Drew Lanza and Andrew Gardener, who are on the Police and Fire Retirement Board, to discuss how to prevent issues with FLSA and other pay from being inaccurately determined by the City as soon as it is possible to meet.

Good and Welfare – Information

- Jim Spence reported that the Kaiser Advantage Plan is offering some enhancements in lieu of the Senior Exercise Program since exercise facilities have been shut down due to COVID 19. They are now offering free rides to medical appointments and a meal service for 84 days related to medical issues. More will be coming out in the Newsletter regarding this.

- **Retired Deputy Chief Richard Wattenbarger will be turning 81 on December 14th and he is not doing well. Calls to him would be appreciated and if you would like to send a birthday card his address is: Chief Dick Wattenbarger, 29619 Sorrento Drive, Peoria, AZ 85383.**
- **Jim Spence reported that former police representative on the Association Board of Directors Paul Schmidt has Parkinson's Disease and is not doing well.**

President Storms adjourned the meeting at 11:50