

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters General Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021

Meeting was a teleconference using Zoom

Called to order at 11:07am 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

19 members attended the General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2021 – Action Taken

- **Minutes will be uploaded to the Association website per direction of the Board of Directors.**

Treasurer's Report – No Action Taken

- Treasurer Samarron provided a report on Account Balances and Income/Expenditures for March 2021 via Zoom. A Report on Anticipated Expenses for 2021 was also provided to the membership.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

- No Reports

Old Business – No Action Taken

- The Planning and Goal Setting Discussion for 2021 was postponed to next month's Board meeting.
- Council Member Contact and Communications Project – President Storms sent out an email to the Mayor and Council Members requesting meetings with them to discuss who we are and how we can work together. Five Council Members responded back. Meetings with the Council Members and Mayor will be set up in May.

New Business – Action Taken

- There was a discussion regarding sharing contact info of members when requested by another member of the Association. It was confirmed that when one member requests another member's contact info the Association will contact that member to determine if sharing their contact info is OK.
- There have been some issues with Anthem Blue Cross Medicare Preferred (PPO) coverage being accepted. The recent issues were resolved but if issues arise the concerned member should contact President Storms for assistance.
- There was a continued discussion regarding Retiree's dealing with PTSD and other Mental Health issues. The city is going to change the current EAP provider, Managed Health Network, and is putting out a Request for Proposals (RFP) to find a new provider of this coverage. Association member Ken Heredia has been working with some other members to come up with ways to improve mental health coverage for retirees. Ken put together a letter to send to the Police and Fire Retirement Board, that the Association Board could use, to ask for improvements in the mental health coverage benefits for retirees. The Association Board will review the letter and **President Storms will be contacting the Retirement Board and Council Member Pam Foley to determine the next best steps to take in regard to this.**
- San Jose Fire Captain Sergio Arellano from the fire department's CISM Program let us know they are willing to be a resource for any retiree suffering from any mental health issues. They are not clinicians but offer a confidential, no-rank person for a retiree to talk to and maybe help them navigate through a tough time in their life. **This information will be put out in a "News Flash" and in the Newsletter.**

Vice Presidents' Report – No Action Taken

- VP Bugna stated that 23 of the Survivor Guides for Dealing with Death were distributed recently and that a total of 244 have been given out.

Presidents Report – No Action Taken

- President Storms asked Director Johnson to contact the POA to see when we will be able to use their facility again for in-person meetings. It is understood that use capacity will probably be limited to 25%. Catering will need to be worked out as well.
- The Folsom BBQ has been cancelled for May. Ed Cutter who leads this effort will be contacted to see if a location can be reserved for some time in September instead. The Coyote BBQ for those in the Bay Area is still scheduled to occur in August.

President Storms adjourned the meeting at 11:54