

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

October 13, 2022

Meeting was in-person and via Zoom

Called to order at 11:35 am by President Ray Storms – Roll Call

Officers Present:

Ray Storms – President; John Shuman – VP Police; Walter Bugna – VP Fire;
Larry Samarron – Treasurer; Ken Jacksteit – Secretary

Officers Absent: None

Directors Present:

Don Bartels; Jim Spence; Tim Miller; Gary Johnson

Directors Absent: Joe Roberts

Guests:

Retirement Services representatives.

33 members attended the in-person General Meeting.

32 members attended via Zoom.

General Meeting Minutes from September 8, 2022 – Action Taken

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

Retirement Services Presentation – Representatives from Retirement Services made a presentation about the 2023 medical plans and costs. This presentation was recorded and will be made available on our website.

Treasurer's Report – No Action Taken

- Larry Samarron presented the financial report.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

- The Board agreed to endorse Irene Smith for City Council District 3.
- Board discussed upcoming City of San Jose political campaigns. John Shuman motioned to contribute \$50,000 to the Neighbors Together Supporting Cindy Chavez for Mayor 2022 Committee and \$25,000 to the South Bay Labor Council Committee, COPE.

Old Business – No Action Taken

- EAP: Ray Storms is still gathering information for the City Council.
- Bylaws changes will be sent to our attorney for review.

New Business – No Action Taken

- Nominations: Ray Storms, John Shuman, Walter Bugna, Larry Samarron and Ken Jacksteit were all nominated for their respective positions. All positions are uncontested and are nominations are now closed with the election in November.

President's Report – No Action Taken

- We received \$100 at the Folsom BBQ for the raffle of a bottle of bourbon from the SJPOA Chaplain benefit.
- Ray received a letter from former SJPOA President Jim Tomaino that he and former SJPOA VP John Shaver and retired Firefighter Michelle Morey will do the cooking at the next Folsom BBQ.
- Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Class - Ray is looking for retired Police and Fire members who were on stress management teams to help with retirees who may be struggling with mental health issues. PTSD is being renamed to PTSI, changing the last word of "disorder" with "injury".
- Retired firefighters are trying to establish a 501c3 called FireFighers Helping FireFighters. They must submit 3 names in case their first choice is already taken.
- Retirement Board-Medicare and Disability committee. When you sign up for Medicare, Medicare becomes your primary insurance and either Anthem or Kaiser is your supplemental insurance. Six of our retirees had their Medicare dropped for unknown reasons. If that happens Anthem will drop them completely and Kaiser will put them back in the public section. The Retirement Board needs to make personal contact rather than just sending out a letter. 25 Federated retirees were also dropped.
- The Retirement Board-Medicare and Disability committee. Measurement B requires three doctors to be on the disability committee. However, they cannot get doctors to apply. Only one pediatrician had applied. Currently they have a 5-member panel consisting of one doctor, Dr. Das, one fire representative, one police representative, one attorney and one Retirement Services representative. Since February of 2022 only one file has been completed. There is currently a back log of 130 files with approximately 5-10 new files every month added to this. The committee is proposing to do away with the doctor's position and go with a 4-member panel that Fresno has been doing.
- Currently the policy for Retirement Services to reduce or deny a retiree's pension is that the felony had to be committed while being an active-duty employee.

President Storms adjourned the meeting at 12:35 pm.