

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

January 12, 2023

*Meeting was in-person and via Zoom*

**Called to order at 11:30 am by VP John Shuman – Roll Call**

***Officers Present:***

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

***Officers Absent:*** President - Ray Storms

***Directors Present:***

Don Bartels; Jim Spence; Tim Miller; Gary Johnson; Joe Roberts

***Directors Absent:*** None

***Guests:***

SJPOA President Sean Pritchard

24 members attended the in-person General Meeting.

8 members attended via Zoom.

**SJPOA President Sean Pritchard –**

- He updated the membership on some issues that are important to retirees. The repeal of the Social Security Windfall provision went to a vote in the House of Representative and 300 reps voted for it. However, the Senate referred it back to finance for cost analysis.
- The POA investigated getting health care for retirees by combining our retirees with other public safety retirees across the nation. Although we had 100,000 retirees, it still was not feasible for Anthem.

**General Meeting Minutes from November 10, 2022 – Action Taken**

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

**Treasurer's Report – No Action Taken**

- Larry Samarron presented the financial report.

**Reports from Committees – No Action Taken**

**Old Business – No Action Taken**

- Bylaws changes. The amended bylaws would be discussed in the Billy and Spanner by Ray Storms and discuss the need for the stipend for board members. An email to the membership would be sent out with the amended bylaws attached along with a summary of the major changes. Members can email the board with any further comments or questions. After a period, the bylaws will be mailed to all members for a vote.

### **New Business – Action Taken**

- \$5000 donation for Firefighters Helping Firefighters. Ernie Alcantar made a motion to donate \$5000 to the Firefighters Helping Firefighters once they get their 501c3 certification. Lee Collins seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Vice Presidents' Report – No Action Taken**

- **Police** – Shuman. He attended the Christmas lunch of the MEF with Jay Castellano, President of MEF.
- Emerald Society is hosting the Robert Burns Night at the POA on January 25<sup>th</sup> which is a benefit for the SJPD Chaplaincy.
- Spence: Silver sneakers available through Kaiser which includes gym memberships and other medical devices such as Fit Bits and over the counter medical items. Limit is \$70 per quarter with a \$25 minimum order. You need to sign into a different account with Kaiser at [kp.org/otc/ca](http://kp.org/otc/ca).
- Jim was notified from an out of state member getting health care from other services. There are some emergency rooms that are not associated with the hospital you go to and therefore your health insurance may not cover it.
- **Fire** – Walter. Retired SJFD Terry Ryan is not doing well. He has been reaching out to him.
- The book "I'm Dead, Now What?" is still available to new members.

### **President's Report – No Action Taken**

- We need to contact the new Council members and Jennifer Schembri about EAP. They are:  
D1: Rosemary Kamei; D3 Omar Torres; D5 Peter Ortiz; D7 Bien Doan.
- D8 is vacant. 13 people have opted to fill position including past D8 Council Member Rose Herrera.
- D10 is vacant. 24 people have opted to fill position including pas D10 Council Member Forest Williams. 2/3 vote by council is needed to fill both positions.

**VP John Shuman adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm.**