

**Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
February 9, 2023  
***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:***

Gary Johnson; Jim Spence

***Directors Absent:*** Don Bartels; Tim Miller; Joe Roberts

***Guests:*** None

26 members attended the in-person General Meeting.

6 members attended via Zoom.

**General Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2023 – 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. When to mail out. It was decided to send out one more email and write one more article in our newsletter about the proposed bylaws changes. We will then mail out the ballots and proposed changes after the next General meeting on March 9, 2023.

**New Business – Action Taken**

- \$5000 donation for Firefighters Healing Firefighters. Walter was at the last meeting. They didn't have enough money to get their 501c3 status. Scott Fey's dad, Maurice, made a \$1000 donation and with the money coming in from their Go Fund Me page, they now have enough money. The original name of Firefighters Helping Firefighters was changed to Firefighters Healing Firefighters as the other name was already taken. The Association will make a \$5000 donation as soon as they get their 501c3 status.
- There have been ten retirees who received notices from Retirement Services that their disability retirement was revoked, and notices have been sent to IRS for back taxes dating back to 2019. Retirement Board Director Dick Santos would like to know all the names so he can follow up with the Board's attorney.

This issue stems from SJMC 3.36.3660(b), which requires to re-calculate retiree's benefits using a service retirement formula once their ex-spouse claim their benefits.

It appears currently, that this only applies to Police and Fire retirees.

After discussion, it was decided to check with the SJPOA and Local 230 to see if they are going to hire an attorney to investigate this, before we ask our attorney, Chris Platten to investigate it.

- No need to fill out the new IRS withholding forms unless you're making changes.
- Medicare Anthem issues. Several retirees are having issues with getting medical services in a timely manner or not at all. To find out how many members are having issues, we will send out an email to all members asking them to fill out a survey if they are having issues with Medicare Anthem. Ray Storms will then follow up with Anthem.

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

- **Police** – Shuman. Wheatley's funeral was well attended as well as the reception.
- Fundraising event. Association is sponsoring a hole for \$100 for the CalFire golf tournament.
- **Fire** – Walter. The "I'm Dead, Now What?" books still going out.

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

- We need to contact the new Council members and Jennifer Schembri and set up a meeting regarding EAP.
- Firefighter Olympics for June 26, 2023, in San Jose.

**Adjournment: President Storms adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.**