

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters
General Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2023
Meeting was in-person and via Zoom

Called to order at 11:30 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:

Joe Roberts; Don Bartels; Jim Spence; Tim Miller

Directors Absent: Gary Johnson; Tim Miller

Guests: None

24 members attended the in-person General Meeting.

4 members attended via Zoom.

General Meeting Minutes from July 13, 2023 – Action Taken

- **Minutes were 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 July and August 2023.

Reports from Committees – No Action Taken

Old Business – No Action Taken

- US Treasuries bills. Larry has not bought any yet. He is still doing further research. Contacted Leavy group. We need the IRS number that is assigned to our tax return. Larry is waiting for the Leavy group to give us that number.
- Status on Commonwealth account. Larry needs to go to San Jose City Hall to obtain a business license which Commonwealth requires to open an account.
- Audit update. BPM CPA (bpmcap.com) did our audit in 2011/2012. They perform audits for Nonprofit organizations. Larry sent an email to BPM CPA to get more information. BPM wants to know what we want to accomplish. We want to make sure our numbers are correct and find any discrepancies. BPM recommends going back 3-5 years as going back to 2012 will cost a lot more than it's worth. Ray made the motion to go back 3-5 years. Ken made the second. Motion passed. Larry will follow up with BPM.
- Folsom BBQ. September 16, 2023. Jim Tomaino will have Tri tip steak, chicken and green salad. 88 members have signed up so far.

New Business – Action Taken None

- Maui Relief Fund. The Board discussed donating \$10,000 each to the Maui Police and Fire organizations that would go directly to their members who lost their homes. SJPOA has set up an account to donate to the State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO). Dustin recommended sending Fire donations to the California Fire Foundation that has started a relief fund where 100% of proceeds will be directed to Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, IAFF Local 1463, who will directly administer aid to survivors of the fire and firefighters who have been injured and lost their homes in the wildfire. Lee Collins made the motion to donate the money. Steve O'Steen made the second. Motion passed.
- San Jose Police Foundation. Retired SJPd Captain Scott Seaman is the CEO of the San Jose Police Foundation. He asked the Association for a donation for the Major Awards Ceremony on October 26, 2023. The Board recommended donating \$2500. Lee Collins made the motion to make the donation. Ed Barbour made the second. Motion passed.

Vice Presidents' Report – No Action Taken

- **Police** – POA/Chaplaincy golf tournament is Monday, Oct. 2nd.
- POA Meeting. Jim attended the SJPOA meeting last week. SJPd Administration wants two officer cars. Younger officers are not liking it.
- Tier 2 pension. P/F has four different levels of pensions. Jim recommended that Board members look over the Benefits page under the Retirement Services website to understand the many different pension options. He suggested not to give anyone advice and refer them to Retirement Services.
- San Jose Police Memorial unveiling will be on Oct. 4th at 6:30 pm at PAB, 201 W. Mission St.
- Smoktoberfest. The Board passed a motion to buy 4 seats to Smoktoberfest for September 30, 2023.
- San Jose Police Emerald Society. The Board passed a motion to contribute \$500 to the SJPEs for their event this Saturday, September 16, 2023.
- **Fire** – Nothing to report.

President's Report – No Action Taken

- Discussion on Ray's replacement. Ray has agreed to be President for one more year.
- Board nominations. Nominations for the Executive Board is next month. Ken said he would not be Secretary next year.
- Benefits Review Form meeting is on Sept. 27th. Ray will be there. Ray will ask about adding on to medical for mental health as an option for \$10 a month. City is currently using CONCERN.

Adjournment: President Storms adjourned the meeting at 12:10 pm.