

**Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters**

**General Meeting Minutes**

February 13, 2025

*Meeting was in-person and via Zoom*

**Called to order at 11:00am by President Ray Storms**

***Officers Present:***

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

***Officers Absent:*** None

***Directors Present:***

Jim Spence; Don Bartels; Gary Johnson; Ken Jacksteit and New Director: Mike Kihmm

***Directors Absent:*** Joe Roberts and Tim Miller

***Attendance:***

23 members attended in-person

9 members attended via Zoom

President Storms lead the membership in the “Pledge of Allegiance” and then asked for a “Moment of Silence” in remembrance of those members who have passed away and those who are having medical and other challenges in their lives.

**General Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2025** – Minutes were distributed to those attending and will be uploaded to the Association website per direction of the Board.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Samarron provided a report on Account Balances and Income/Expenditures for January, 2025.

**Reports from Committees** – No Reports

**Presentation** – No Presentation

**Old Business** – No Old Business

**New Business** – No New Business

- Ray Storms shared that we have a new Director on the Board. His name is Mike Kihmm who retired from the Police Department not long ago.
- Ray Storms shared that the Association Board had a Planning Meeting on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> to develop plans for the coming year.
- One of the actions planned for the future is to enhance relations with the City Council members. To do this, we will be having each Board member set up informal meetings with an assigned Council Member and their staff to share the interests and priorities of our association. It is hoped that developing relations outside of situations where we are asking for something will build good will and when we need their help they will be more open to our request.

- Maria Wardall announced that the “Survivors Group” has been meeting at the Local 230 Union Hall on the first Monday of the month at 11:30am. The Local 230 Union Hall is at 165 Lewis Road, SJ.
- Members are reminded to be sure their spouse or partner that may survive them has access to the “Survivor’s Checklist”. We will be putting it on the Association Website so that all members can get access at any time.
- The Association is going to be contacting the following six public safety agencies in Southern California to see how we could provide to assistance to their members who were adversely affected by the fires. The agencies are: CHP, LA County Sheriff, LA PD, LA County Fire, LA City Fire and CalFire.
- Please continue to respond to the survey on Intercare (City Contracted Disability Medical Care Approval Authority). Your responses will help the city to hold Intercare accountable for issues with their service. Surveys on Kaiser and Anthem will be coming out shortly as well to determine if improvements can be made in their service delivery.

**President and Vice Presidents’ Report –**

- The letter from the city regarding Medicare Part B reimbursement will be coming out soon. Look for it and act on the information quickly so you can get your reimbursement.
- A reminder to all members and their spouses/partners that when a member passes away Retirement Services needs to be notified. If not the full amount of the retirement checks will continue to be sent out instead of the reduced amount. This overpayment to spouses/partners will eventually have to be paid back to the city so the sooner you make this adjustment the better.

***President Storms adjourned the meeting at 11:54am***