

Association of Retired San Jose Police Officers and Firefighters
General Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2025
Meeting was in-person

Called to order at 11:50am 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; Mike Kihmm; Tim Miller

Directors Absent: Joe Roberts

Attendance:

28 members attended in-person

0 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 February 13, 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 February, 2025.

Reports from Committees – No Reports

Presentation – No Presentation

Old Business – No Old Business

- 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.
- 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.
- The “Survivor’s Checklist” has been put on the Association Website so that all members can get access at any time.
- The Association is contacting the following seven public safety agencies in Southern California to see how we could provide assistance to their members who were adversely affected by the fires. The agencies are: CHP, LA County

Sheriff, LAPD, LA County Fire, LA City Fire, LA City Police and Fire Retirees and CalFire.

New Business – No New Business

- The Board of Directors is reviewing the insurances' that the Association has to cover us at events and for our everyday operations.
- The Board had a presentation by our Political Action Committee (PAC) lawyer, Ash Pirayou. He provides direction to the Board on the rules related to election candidate campaign support. The rules related to what is allowed and the requirements for record keeping and reporting are complex so his guidance is important for us to make the best decisions.
- Preparations for supporting council candidates starts many months before elections. The Board starts to put funds into our Political Action account with sufficient time to build a sizeable amount. We then provide financial support for the candidates we feel will best support the Association.
- The finances of the Association are getting larger and the Board had a presentation from our accountant (SE Owens) that helps us with tax preparation. It was decided to investigate having them take over the everyday bill paying and associated bookkeeping. The President and Treasurer would work with them on setting policy related to spending and saving.

President and Vice Presidents' Report –

- The Association is supporting two upcoming fundraisers; one for the San Jose Police Chaplaincy and the other the CalFire Benevolent Foundation.
- News from Local 230: the local is developing a program where retirees can join the Union and the IAFF; requesting city support for AB700 (California Firefighter Cancer Prevention and Research Program) and are working with the Mayor on a "Public Safety Tax Measure" to offset the short fall in the city's budget.
- The letter from the city regarding Medicare Part B reimbursement have been sent out; please 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 12:15am