

KCPR MINUTES

July 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Ernie Claudel, Co-chair, on the above date at 10:00 A.M. on ZOOM. Present: Jerry Henn, Chris Huntsman, Marc Galbraith, Brenda Stafford, Ed Klumpp, Kent Dederick, Susan Schram, Bill Layes, Ruthe Goff, Terry Forsyth, Donna Freel, and Michelle Prescott.

Minutes: Finding no errors or omissions, the minutes were approved as printed. The next meeting will be held on August 12 at 10:00 AM, once again on Zoom.

Treasurer's Report: Kent reported the balance is again unchanged at \$734.64. Jerry moved the report be accepted and Brenda seconded. Motion carried.

Elections Discussions:

1. The last day to register to vote is July 14th.
2. July 28th is the last day to apply for advance mail ballot for the primary. Secretary of State, Scott Schwab, has been pushing voting by mail.
3. You can register online to vote at www.voteks.org.
4. Primary Election day is August 4th.
5. USA has released KNEA's recommended candidates for the KS primary.
6. Information on candidates can also be found at vote411.org. (League of Women Voters Website)
7. If you find other endorsement outlets, please let Ernie know.

COLA Bill: Discussed different amounts for new COLA bill to be introduced in 2021. Some ideas presented:

1. Increase amount from 3,2,1 to at least have something to negotiate with.
2. Increase amount to make up for recent years with no COLA. (2014-2020)
3. We started requesting the above COLA, in 2016.
4. See 'recent' COLA request history per Harv Ludwick at the end of the minutes.
5. Virus financial implications may become another easy excuse, i.e., "We can't afford it!"
6. Tie COLA to KPERS investment numbers.

7. Change COLA request to “CORM” request. (Cost of Retirement Maintenance)

KPERS BOARD ELECTION:

It was suggested that some thought should be put into the upcoming 2021 KPERS Board Election and how KCPR should promote it.

School opening discussion:

- 1. Recommendations for school openings have been assembled. Some 180 people have worked on this.**
- 2. Final copy will contain 1,000 pages of information/suggestions by grade level.**
- 3. Public release is scheduled for July 16th.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. on ZOOM.

Ernie Claudel, Co-Chair

History (Recent) of COLA Requests per Harv’s research.

- 1. Under Tier II, New Hires had a COLA**
- 2. This was wiped out by the Tier III Legislation. (2011)**
- 3. Our next (first) attempt at a COLA following the 2011 Legislation was in 2014, **HB 2539**. This was a 3% request.**
- 4. 2015 Harv worked through Sen. Hensley, Alan Conroy, and Gordon Self. After consultation with them and the actuary, NCPR elected to try the 3,2,1 % COLA.**
- 5. That was submitted in January 2016 as **HB 2542**. (Died, no bill rollover.)**
- 6. Resubmitted in 2017 as **HB2023**.**
- 7. Rolled over 2018. Could not get it out of committee.**
- 8. Resubmitted in 2019 as **HB2100**.**
- 9. Rolled over to 2020 and again died because we could not get it out of committee.**