

Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.
Meeting Minutes Tuesday, October 9, 2024
RMLEFCU Main Office

President John Schnittgrund, Vice President John Pettinger, Secretary Jennifer Pettinger, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Chris Hoag, Michael Martinez, Barb Miller, Glen Miller, Janice Queen and Rose Sapegin were in attendance. Mark Belusak and Dave Metzler were absent.

Audit Committee Members in attendance were Hilda Lorandi and Harry Queen. Anthony Burkhardt was not in attendance.

Visitor Mike Hesse attended part of the meeting.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:13am by President John Schnittgrund.

Old Business

There was none.

Follow up Special Reports

Peer Support/Psych Services Update

There was none.

Policewomen Update

Rose Sapegin said they visited the Crime Lab and the Governor's Mansion. She said they are setting up a Dispatch tour. She said they average 12-22 women that show up to their events. Chris Hoag suggested a DPD Museum tour, Rose Sapegin said she will suggest.

Denver Police Museum Update

John Schnittgrund asked Glen Miller to provide a retiree list for Mike Hess. Glen Miller said he already sent him it.

Discussion was held regarding the next Theater event. Chris Hoag shared the program will be from 10:30am-1:00pm with the doors opening at 10:30am. Chris Hoag said if everyone is agreeable the Museum and DPRA will share the costs the same as in the past, with the Museum paying the \$600 rental for the theater and DPRA will cover the cost of the lunches and drinks. Everyone was in agreement. Mike Martinez said Tony Lopez Jr. is available and willing to help with the presentation. Equipment was discussed. Mike Martinez will bring his laptop and John Pettinger will bring the laptop stand. Discussion was held concerning the pricing for the event. Everyone was in agreement to keep it at \$20 per person. Chris Hoag will order and pick up the lunches.

Chris Hoag shared the Museum's field trips continue to be very successful. He shared Jeff Martinez was honored for Hispanic Heritage Week. He also noted the Department has dropped Sun Badge as a vendor.

Web Site

Glen Miller asked for direction on death notices and other notice requests. Everyone was in agreement that there would be an initial notice and then a follow-up notice when arrangements are made. Discussion was held on other notice requests.

2025 Activities

John Pettinger said he will put together the list for the next meeting. Rose Sapegin said the Policewomen's activities have been moved to the 1st week of the month and there shouldn't be any conflicts.

2024 Activities

Luncheons/Dinners (all Wednesdays)

October 23, 2024, 11:30 AM, Oktoberfest Luncheon, Helga's, 14197 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora
Glen Miller said we have 18 signed up so far.

November 9, 2023, 10:30am-1pm, Landmark Theater, Tony Lopez Shooting Presentation & General Membership Meeting. Discussion was already held.

Laughlin Reunion/October 14-15

President John Schnittgrund said we have 17 signed up for golf and 53 for the reunion and the hotel has been paid. Glen Miller noted Mike Boden paid for 2 late dinners. Glen Miller will remove the event from the website, so we don't have any more late payees. Mike Martinez said we might not be able to do the bowling on Monday night as there is a tournament, but he will check when he arrives in Laughlin. Mike Martinez said he will be bringing the old hats, he has about 7-8 left to be sold at a cost of \$20 and new hats for \$25. President John Schnittgrund said we have the room for 4 hours for the Darrent Williams presentation. Jennifer Pettinger said she was able to get reservations for 20 at the Prime Rib Room at 4:00pm on Sunday night and will send an email to see who is interested in going. John Pettinger said he will bring the nametags. Discussion was held on how to get more people to attend the Reunion.

Denver Police Museum Update continued.

Mike Hesse joined the meeting. He gave Janice Queen 9 ornaments to bring to the Reunion. He said the ornaments are \$25 and \$30 if they mail them.

Mike Hesse said he will send Glen Miller the Theater event info later in this afternoon so he can send the notice out.

Mike Hesse said they will be honoring Frank Potestio in November. Mike Hess shared the Museum will be honoring the victims of United Flight 629 on October 31, 2025, with events and a memorial at the old Stapleton Tower. He shared some of the history and events they are planning. Mike Hess left the meeting.

Christmas Dinner & Party – December 14, 2024 @ 5:30pm Sons of Italy

Janice Queen said she will start working on the Christmas event after the Laughlin Reunion. She will ask the Sons of Italy about the liquor and our options. Janice Queen also said she is checking on a DJ or a band. Chris Hoag said he will develop trivia questions.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2024

Jennifer Pettinger asked Chris Hoag if he intended the funny stories to be part of the Christmas party and he said he intended it to go into the newsletter. Jennifer Pettinger suggested amending the minutes on page 2 under Christmas Dinner & Party to move the first sentence after and before the Minutes and add to put in the newsletter.

Paulette Schnittgrund motioned, Chris Hoag seconded, to approve the September 17, 2024 minutes as amended. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Financial Reports

Approval of the September 2024 Financial Report

Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund noted the Financial Reports had been submitted. Hilda Lorandi said she had reviewed and approved the report.

Janice Queen motioned, John Pettinger seconded, to approve the September 2024 Financial Reports. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Special Matters for Consideration

There were none.

New Business

Nominations and Election of 2025 DPRA Officers

President Schnittgrund asked if everyone was interested in serving again, everyone in attendance said they were except Hilda Lorandi said she was good if someone else wants to take her place. Glen Miller said he advertised the nominations with a deadline of October 28. Jennifer Pettinger said she will draft ballots and have them printed for the November General Membership Meeting and luncheon on November 9th. Discussion was held regarding nominations.

President John Schnittgrund said he has had a couple of challenges regarding retirees and workers comp and other legal issues. Discussion was held regarding attorney recommendations.

Janice Queen shared David Stuht one of Denver's Chaplains did a good job of officiating Patrick Fitzgibbons' funeral. She noted the honor guard was not available for the service but will be for the burial.

John Pettinger shared an email Mark Belusak sent him. He said Mark Belusak is unable to attend because he was doing last-minute teaching. Mark Belusak wanted to share with everyone that instead of putting out wellness information on the DPD Retiree Web Site, the Retiree Peer Support Team has decided to start a newsletter. John said Mark Belusak said the newsletter is intended to be both for Peer Support members and distribution to other groups and retirees. Mark Belusak said if anyone has anything to include in the newsletter, please email it to Jim Ponzi. He said the next deadline is November 1, 2024.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 20th, at 10:00am at the RMLEFCU Main Offices.

Adjournment

There being no further business President Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinger
Secretary