

Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.
Meeting Minutes March 8, 2023
RMLEFCU Main Office

In attendance were: President John Schnittgrund, Vice President John Pettinger, Secretary Jennifer Pettinger, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Chris Hoag, Dave Metzler, Michael Martinez, and Glen Miller.

Absent were: Barb Miller, Lynne Mullen and Janice Queen

Audit Committee Members in attendance were: Anthony Burkhardt and Harry Queen. Hilda Lorandi was absent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am by President John Schnittgrund.

Old Business

Peer Support/Psych Services Update

There was no update.

Follow up Special Reports

Web Site

Glen Miller asked about sending Denver Candidate information out. Discussion was held and it was decided that Glen would share the information on which candidates the PPA is endorsing but to not endorse any other candidate by sharing political information.

Glen asked about sending the books internationally. Discussion was held. It was decided that due to the cost and the time it takes to have them receive them, the books will not be sent internationally.

Denver Police Museum

Chris Hoag shared that the Black History Month celebration went well. He also shared the following events the Museum will be hosting at the RMLEFCU Main Offices: March 16th at 2:30pm for Woman's History Month they will be honoring Marsha Kiddoo and on April 18th they will be honoring Art Arita for Asian History Month. Chris Hoag also shared they will be giving a presentation on DPD History at Windsor Gardens on March 30 at 2pm. He said they are planning on showing the Alan Berg documentary with a presentation by Jon Priest at Chez Artiste in July with a lunch.

2023 Activities

Luncheons/Dinners

Report on February Luncheon at Cinzzetti's

President Schnittgrund said 45 people reserved and 16 attended. He said the many no shows was weather related.

March 15, 2023, 11:30 AM, Casa Calinete, 8800 S. Colorado Blvd. Unit G, Highlands Ranch

Glen Miller said 17 people are signed up so far and he will be sending out a reminder this week.

April 20, 2023, 6:00 PM, "Something Rotten", Boulder Dinner Theatre, 5501 Arapahoe Ave.

Paulette Schnittgrund said about 13 people are attending. John Pettinger said we will have to commit to the attendees 30 days out and we have 35 spots reserved.

September 20, 2023, 11:30 AM, Takoda's, 12365 Pine Bluffs Way, Parker

John Pettinger noted this is the same location as last year.

October 18, 2023, 11:30 AM, Oktoberfest Luncheon, Helga's, 14197 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora

President Schnittgrund said the date will need to be changed as it conflicts with the Laughlin Reunion. It was decided to change it to October 4th. John Pettinger will make the changes w/Helga's.

November 15, 2023, 5:30 PM, Wishbone Restaurant, 9701 Federal Blvd., Westminster

No update yet.

Laughlin Reunion

President Schnittgrund said the Reunion will be October 16 (lunch) and October 17 (dinner) at the Aquarius Hotel. He said he received the contracts, and the room rates will be \$33 a night for the Edgewater and \$49 for the Aquarius Hotels not including the resort fees and taxes. He shared the food costs which will be approximately \$120 per person. Mike Martinez said he researched the golf outing and as of a month ago 3 courses had availability; Laughlin Ranch Golf Club, Mohave Resort Golf Club, and El Rio Golf Club. He said he estimates the golf to be \$50-\$70 per person. Mike Martinez said it would be helpful to get an idea of how many would be interested in golf. Discussion was held. It was decided that we will charge \$85 per person for the reunion with DPRA underwriting the remaining cost. President Schnittgrund will draft an email for Glen Miller to send out with the details and asking for interest in the golf outing.

Police Week/May

The ceremony/luncheon will be on Thursday, May 18th. No details yet.

Summer Picnic

Discussion of the picnic was held. It was decided that Dave Metzler will reserve the same two pavilions at Clement Park for either August 19 or 26. It was also decided that boxes lunches will be served. Mike Martinez offered again to bring his hot wings.

Christmas Party

President Schnittgrund said the only date available for our Christmas Party at the PPA Event Center is Friday, December 15th. He also reported that Janice Queen has contacted the Sons of Italy Lodge (Harlan & 32nd in Wheat Ridge) and it is available for hall rental. He said she has also contacted the Wellshire County Club. Discussion was held. It was decided that we will not use the PPA Event Center for our Christmas Party and ask Janice to do more research on these two locations and caterers.

Minutes

Approve of Minutes from January 25, 2023 meeting

Harry Queen motioned, Chris Hoag seconded, to approve the January 25, 2023 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Financial Reports

Approval of January & February 2023 Financial Reports

Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund noted the Financial Report had been submitted and Tony Burkhardt had reviewed and approved.

Harry Queen motioned, John Pettinger seconded, to approve both the January & February 2023 Financial Reports. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Special Matters for Consideration

New Business

Mike Martinez explained he had been subpoenaed on a 2018 murder case and it required over 30 hours of prep work. Mike Martinez said he was surprised to find out Denver only pays \$30 an hour to retirees for actual court time and not prep work. He said he is trying to find out how that could be changed and if the Board would be supportive in helping get that changed. Discussion was held and everyone was supportive of helping to change that. Mike Martinez will let President Schnittgrund know when he has a meeting scheduled and he will attend w/Mike Martinez.

Paulette Schnittgrund explained that Glen & Barb Miller do so much for the association every year and she would like to do something again for them this year. She suggested DPRA pays for their dinner at Sienna's and a gift card with whoever from the Board attending and paying their own way. John Pettinger motioned, Dave Metzler seconded, to have DPRA pay for the Miller's dinner and a gift card to thank them for their service. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

President Schnittgrund asked Chris Hoag to purchase the retiree armbands that the Museum is selling for each board member for the funerals they attend.

Mike Martinez said he sent out 24 emails to friends who are new hire retirees, and no one wanted to serve on the Board. Discussion was held concerning the number serving on the board and filling JC Tyus vacancy.

President Schnittgrund said Lynne Mullen has not responded to requests regarding the Widows Organization. Glen Miller noted the Widow's Organization is still posting newsletters on the website. President Schnittgrund will contact Deb Libonati.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 19th at 10:00am at the RMLEFCU Main Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business President Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 11:44am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinger
Secretary