

**Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.
Meeting Minutes March 23, 2022
RMLEFCY Main Office**

In attendance were: President John Schnittgrund, Vice President John Pettinger, Secretary Jennifer Pettinger, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Anthony Burkhardt, Chris Hoag, Dave Metzler, Michael Martinez, Glen Miller, Lynne Mullen and Janice Queen. Glen Miller attended via telecom. Barb Miller was absent. Mike Hess, Denver Police Museum and Taliesin, Reign & Nessie Pettinger attended as guests.

Audit Committee Members in attendance were: JC Tyus, Hilda Lorandi and Harry Queen.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:03am by President John Schnittgrund.

Old Business

Status of New Hire Pension Meeting (FPPA)

President Schnittgrund shared the meeting has been set for Tuesday, May 3 at 10:00am and will be held at the DPD District 2 Community Room. He also shared there will be a limit of 50 people to attend the meeting; FPPA will run the meeting and Laura Hall helped organized it. Discussion was held concerning the meeting.

Peer Support/Psych Services Update

Lynne Mullen shared they had a good meeting on March 9th and representatives from Heartlight Center did a presentation on grief counseling. She noted they are in need of volunteers.

Follow up Special Reports

Web Site

No report.

Words of Advice Project

Mike Martinez said he sent the board the results from his request for "Words of Advice". Discussion was held concerning how to disseminate and who to disseminate the results to. It was decided Glen Miller will put it in the member only section and send an email to the current members with a link to access it. John Pettinger will work with Glen Miller and ask the Department if the link could be placed in the daily bulletin (this would ensure the link would be opened by a DPD employee). Mike Martinez will contact the PPA to ask for them to also send out. In the future, we will use it when the department starts up the preparation for retirement classes.

2022 Activities

Luncheons/Dinners

Mike Hess shared three suggestions he had for speakers/activities at our events:

1. Invite Mitch Morissey and/or George Brauchler to speak on their Colorado Crime Wave: Origins and Solutions Report.
2. Invite Councilmember Flynn to talk about what is happening on City Council. Mike Hess shared he is a vocal Police Supporter and running for reelection next April.
3. Show the 1972 NBC Special Murder in America. This is a documentary in which all the cases were in Denver and is about 1 hour in length.

Discussion was held concerning the suggestions. It was decided to show the 1972 NBC Murder in America in November for our general membership meeting and provide the food. John

Pettinger will look for a location. It was also decided to see if Mitch Morrissey and or George Brauchler would be available in June to speak at a luncheon or dinner. Mike Hess will contact them and let us know. Finally, it was decided to ask Councilmember Flynn if he is available in September. Mike will also contact him and let us know.

Candlelight Theater

Glen Miller said we have 32 registered for the event on May 7th.

Summer Picnic

Dave Metzler said he will pull the permits for pavilions soon and will schedule it for August 20th, as long as no soccer tournaments are scheduled. Mike Hess shared the VIP Picnic sometimes conflicts with our picnic; he said he would share the date with them and encourage them to schedule theirs for August 13th. If the date changes Dave Metzler will let Mike Hess know.

Laughlin Reunion

JC Tyus said he has made arrangements for the luncheon on Monday, October 17th and the dinner on Tuesday, October 18th. He asked Glen Miller to send a Save the Date announcement.

Christmas Dinner & Party

President Schnittgrund said we are reserved for Friday, December 9th at the PPA Event Center. Discussion was held regarding the Christmas Party. Some of the suggestions made were: regarding the entertainment, to look at a new cater or share some of the concerns with last year's caterer, changes to the timeline in regard to closing the silent auction at 8pm and activities to engage new members.

Denver Police Museum Update

Mike Hess shared the following activities planned for Police Week, May 15-21:

1. Saturday, May 14th partnering with local boy scouts to lay wreaths (made by volunteers) on 68 of the 77 officer's graves at Crown Hill, Mt Olivet, Fairmont, Ft. Logan and Riverside cemeteries simultaneously at 10am. Each Boy Scout will be assigned a grave with information on the officer and given a challenge coin at the end. Buses will be used to transport the volunteers and families to each cemetery.
2. Monday, May 16th, Denver Police Foundation will do a walk between some of the memorial signs. There will be a ceremony to rededicate Bruce Vanderjagt's sign in honor of the 25th anniversary of his passing.
3. Wednesday, May 18th in the evening the DPFCU is hosting a dinner for the surviving families. Denver Country Club has graciously offered to reduce the cost.
4. Thursday, May 19th will be the ceremony at the Denver Police Memorial followed by a luncheon.
5. City & County Building lights will be on and blue.

Mike Hess shared that the Museum has established ancestry trees back to 1883 for the fallen officers. He said the latest family they found was from an officer who was killed by organized crime on October 31, 1921.

Mike Hess said they would like to present at the Denver Country Club dinner, to each of the 30 families, a badge and challenge coin. He said the DP Museum and DP Foundation is contributing \$1,000 each and asked DPRA to also contribute \$1000.

Mike also shared some of the upcoming events and gave an update on the Museum's building project.

JC Tyus motioned, John Pettinger seconded, to give the Denver Police Museum \$1,000 for the fallen officer's family badges and challenge coins. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Minutes

Approve of Minutes from February 15, 2022 meeting

Jennifer Pettinger noted the minutes were sent out for review after the meeting and any and all suggested changes have been made.

John Pettinger motioned, Dave Metzler seconded, to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Financial Reports

Approval of February 2022 Financial Report

JC Tyus noted he had reviewed for the Audit Committee.

Dave Metzler motioned, Chris Hoag seconded, to approve the February 2022 Financial Report. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Special Matters for Consideration

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 10:00am.

Adjournment

There being no further business President Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 11:46am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinger
Secretary