

Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.
Meeting Minutes August 16, 2023
RMLEFCU Main Office

In attendance were: President John Schnittgrund, Vice President John Pettinger, Secretary Jennifer Pettinger, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Chris Hoag, Dave Metzler, Mike Martinez, and Janice Queen. Barb Miller and Glen Miller attended via phone. Lynne Mullen was absent.

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

Mark Beluscak and Rosie Sapegin attended as guests. President John Schnittgrund said he invited both to a meeting to see if they were interested in running for the board in November.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07am by President John Schnittgrund.

Old Business

Peer Support/Psych Services Update

Mark Beluscak shared about Peer Support. He said he is the Team Coordinator and on the Steering Committee. He shared a little about what Peer Support is doing and how it is structured. Mark Beluscak said he wants to establish a relationship with DPRA to reach more retirees. He asked if it was possible to create a link to Peer Support's webpage on the DPRA homepage without a sign in. Glen & Barb Miller said that was possible. Everyone was in agreement to allow access. Mark Beluscak will contact Glen & Barb with the information.

Barb Miller suggested Peer Support work w/Sgt. Bobby Waidler on Wellness. Mark Beluscak said he does and he is very helpful. President John Schnittgrund told everyone that Laura Wachter has moved to another department. Mark Beluscak also said additional access to the current administration would be helpful. President John Schnittgrund offered to help. Barb Miller also offered to help. Chris Hoag suggested including suicide prevention in the next member book we print.

Follow up/Special Reports

Web Site

Barb Miller said there are no issues.

2023 Activities

Summer Picnic

Barb & Glen Miller suggested we put everyone's lunch selection on their name tags and group the box lunches by type and a separate table if we have room. Discussion was held. John Pettinger will print the menu selections on the name tags, and we will group the lunches by table types. Jennifer Pettinger will bring some tall signs so everyone will know which lunches are on the table. President John Schnittgrund said the Board will arrive at 10:30am and Jimmy Johns will deliver the food at 11:00am with the picnic is scheduled to begin at 11:30am. President John Schnittgrund will pick up the pop, water, ice, and some beer. He said he will grab the coolers (that are stored downstairs) after the meeting. Mike Martinez said he will bring his hot wings again. He said he has some small trays/dishes to serve the wings. Jennifer Pettinger said she will bring extra napkins. She said she will also bring cleaning supplies.

President John Schnittgrund also said Fred Cisneros asked about selling raffle tickets at Saturday's picnic and dispersing the money collected. Discussion was held and no one was in favor.

Denver Police Museum Update

President John Schnittgrund said the Museum wants to partner with DPRA for a presentation by Kevin Flynn (former Reporter & Councilmember) based on a book he wrote on the Alan Berg murder. He said they would like it in October, but he shared his concerns with Laughlin and Oktoberfest. Discussion was held and it was decided to see if we could do it at the Landmark on Saturday, November 4th during the day and also hold our elections at the same time. President John Schnittgrund said we will partner w/the Museum but let them coordinate the details.

Everyone shared how great the Darrant Williams Murder Presentation was. Janice Queen shared some concerns people had at the top of the theater with not being able to hear. Discussion was held regarding a PA system. Chris Hoag, motioned, Paulette Schnittgrund seconded, to have John Pettinger purchase a PA system and have it for Saturday's picnic. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Chris Hoag shared the Museum will have a sign ceremony for Detective Klein, who was the only Jewish officer killed in the line of duty, on August 29th at 1400 Newton. Chris also shared about the Volunteer Fair and said another email will be going out w/the information.

2023 Activities cont.

Laughlin Reunion

Mike Martinez said Crown Trophy on Littleton Blvd. can do a nice baseball cap for \$15.80 each. Discussion was held and it was decided that he will order from Crown Trophy.

Christmas Party

President John Schnittgrund said he let Linda Yeros know we will not be using the PPA Event Center this year. Janice Queen said the contract w/the Sons of Italy is done and she will be finalizing the menu the first of November. Discussion was held concerning the music. Janice said she would see if we provided music (i.e. Spotify list) if we would be able to use their sound system.

Luncheons/Dinners

John Pettinger reminded everyone the next luncheon will be September 20, 2023, 11:30 AM, Takoda's, 12365 Pine Bluffs Way, in Parker.

Paulette Schnittgrund noted the date was incorrect on the agenda for Oktoberfest. John Pettinger said it was wrong, and it should be October 3, 2023, 11:30 AM, Oktoberfest Luncheon, Helga's, 14197 E. Exposition Ave., in Aurora.

John noted the November 1, 2023, 5:30 PM, Wishbone Restaurant, 9701 Federal Blvd., Westminster will be postponed if we are successful in scheduling the Kevin Flynn/Alan Berg Presentation.

Minutes

Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2023 meeting

John Pettinger motioned, Harry Queen seconded, to approve the July 10, 2023 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Financial Reports***Approval of July 2023 Financial Report***

President John Schnittgrund noted the Financial Report had been submitted and noted Anthony Burkhardt from the Audit Committee had reviewed and approved.

Jennifer Pettinger motioned, Janice Queen seconded, to approve the July 2023 Financial Report. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Special Matters for Consideration

Hilda Lorandi said she heard the Retirement Board for the New Hires is considering giving a one-time COLA payment to the new retirees.

Rosie Sapagin invited all the women to the Retiree's Women Lunch. She explained they are a social group.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 10:00am at the DPFCU Main Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business President John Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 11:42am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Pettinger
Secretary