

Denver Police Retirees Association Inc.
Meeting Minutes March 6, 2024
RMLEFCU Main Office

In attendance were: President John Schnittgrund, Vice President John Pettinger, Secretary Jennifer Pettinger, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Mark Belusak, Chris Hoag, Michael Martinez, Dave Metzler, Barb Miller, Glen Miller and Rose Sapegin. Janice Queen was absent. *Audit Committee Member in attendance was* Hilda Lorandi. Anthony Burkhardt and Harry Queen were absent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:04am by President John Schnittgrund.

Old Business

Retiree Hats

President Schnittgrund said we have reordered 25 retiree hats. He asked for a motion to approve this purchase. John Pettinger motioned, Chris Hoag seconded, to approve the purchase of 25 additional retiree hats. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present. Discussion of a different hat logo was discussed.

Peer Support Web Page

Peer Support/Psych Services Update

Mark Belusak shared that he is working on getting information for the website. He also shared there are 5 new members. Mark shared they also finished their annual training. He said they are averaging 15 major contacts with retirees last month.

Police Women Update

Rose Sapegin said 13 widows have joined. She noted they also have 1 retired judge, 2 district attorney's and a dispatcher that have joined. Rose said an average of 20-25 women show up each month for their events.

Denver Police Museum Update

Chris Hoag said the Lunar New Year event was a success. He shared that they would like to partner again with DPRA for a June theater event. He said they are wanting to do a showing of the film "My All American" which is based on Fred Steinmark Jr. (whose father was DPD) and his story about cancer. Dean Christopherson will also present one of the LA Badge's to the family. Chris asked about the funds for the last theater event and Paulette shared that the February financials were not yet done. John Pettinger suggested we look at the finances next month and give any excess as a donation to the museum. Chris also shared he will be giving several tours next week and the CSI classes are still a hit. He said the Elmer Rich Sign Ceremony will be at 34th & Jason on March 13th at 11:00am. He also shared they will be honoring Sadie Likens with a multi ceremony event. She was the first woman police officer in 1884. Rose shared the first ceremony will be at 9:00am in the Capital on March 26th, then at 10am at Colfax & Broadway there will be a sign ceremony. Rose will send the announcement to Glen to send out.

Follow up Special Reports

Web Site

There were none.

2024 Activities

John Pettinger shared the remaining luncheons/dinners and noted the 20th has been changed to Great Scots Eatery.

Luncheons/Dinners (all Wednesdays)

- March 20, 2024 @ 11:30pm, Great Scots Eatery, 1295 Cortez St., Denver
- April 17, 2024 @11:30am, Café Jordano, 11068 W. Jewell Ave., Lakewood
- May 22, 2024 @5:30pm, Jaime's, 1910 S. Depew St., Denver
- September 11, 2023 @5:30pm, Hacienda Colorado, 10500 Brierstadt Way, Lone Tree
- October 23, 2024, 11:30 AM, Oktoberfest Luncheon, Helga's, 14197 E. Exposition Ave., Aurora
- November 5, 2024 @ 5:30pm, Cinzetti's – 281 W 104th Ave

Police Week-May 12-18

Chris Hoag said the Museum will again sponsor the Thursday breakfast for retirees. He said more information will be coming out soon.

Summer Picnic - August 17, 2024 @ Clement Park

President Schnittgrund said the pavilions have been reserved.

Laughlin Reunion - October 14-15

President Schnittgrund said the room rates for the Edgewater is \$60.76 (\$33+tax & fees) and the Aquarius is \$67.51 (\$39+tax & fees). He said we have to reserve a minimum of 10 rooms for each hotel to get that rate otherwise about \$3 will be added per night. He suggested we reserve only for the Aquarius and if someone wants to stay at Edgewater they can pay the additional cost. Everyone was in agreement.

President Schnittgrund also said he received the contracts, and the meeting room cost is \$350 for each event. Discussion of the event was held. President Schnittgrund will sign the contracts.

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

Nothing to report.

Minutes***Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2024 meeting***

John Pettinger motioned, Chris Hoag seconded, to approve the February 7, 2024 minutes. The motion was passed unanimously by those members present.

Financial Reports***Approval of February 2024 Financial Report***

This was tabled to the next meeting.

Special Matters for Consideration

There was none.

New Business

There was none.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 10:00am.

Adjournment

There being no further business President Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Pettinger
Secretary