

Denver Police Retirement Association  
Minutes of the October 9, 2019 Meeting

In attendance were President John Schnittgrund, Vice President Dave Metzler, Treasurer Paulette Schnittgrund, Peer Support Liaison Lynne Mullen, Mark Chaffin, Charlotte Chaffin, Glenn Miller, Harry Queen, and Janice Queen. Absent were Sheryl Ventura, J.C. Tyus, Barb Miller, John Pettinger and Secretary Jennifer Pettinger.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President John Schnittgrund at 10:05 A.M.

**Old Business**

Christmas Party: A report of a recent meeting of the Christmas party planning committee was presented by Paulette Schnittgrund. Each member of the board was given a task to be completed prior to, during and at the end of the Christmas party.

**Status of the New Hire Pension Meeting**

John Pettinger and John met with Tyson Worrell of the FPPA regarding the budget and the current situation with membership. The next time the FPPA will meet to examine the budget will be sometime in June. Nobody will be receiving a raise prior to that time.

Governor Polis has instituted new rules regarding the membership of the FPPA. Any member who has been on the board for 8 years or longer will no longer be eligible to serve. Everybody on the current board will be replaced due to the longevity rule. The governor's administration includes an office which will oversee the nomination and selection of new board members. Nominations will be provided to this office and subsequently the governor will provide the nominations to the state Senate for approval by the finance committee.

The FPPA will include a representative from the police department, a fire fighter representative, an insurance agent, a prison representative and a member of a municipal and county government.

**Peer Support Update**

Marco Vasquez was present to provide an update regarding the status of the peer support program. There are presently approximately 28 members

of the peer support team. Each member must attend a mandatory 8-hour training session offered in November or January.

John Nicoletti's office will provide clinical supervision for the team, and Deb Tashi will be the principal clinician available to assist peer support volunteers.

Meetings to examine the progress of the program, to review protocol and discuss cases will be held every other month. Each person must attend at least three of the meetings.

Marco requested support from DPRA and suggested a monetary commitment. The board agreed that we would support the peer support program and would agree to provide monetary support on a case by case basis if needed.

Discussion regarding how to publicize the program included putting a brief message in the newsletter regarding peer support. We very much support this program and "have Marco's back". Lynne Mullen will provide a brief update to the newsletter regarding the activity and the services provided to the retired.

### **Special Matters for Consideration**

The vacancy of Tony Ventura on the board was discussed. Tony previously decided that he did not want to run for a position on the board and Sheryl stepped up to replace him. His departure occurred during the election process.

Sheryl has indicated that she no longer wishes to serve on the board. Chris Hoag, a new hire who is involved with the museum has been suggested as a replacement for Sheryl.

As of the time of this meeting, there have not been any nominations for officers or board members. John Schnittgrund will continue to act as President, John Pettinger will serve as Vice-President, Paulette Schnittgrund will continue to function as Treasurer, and Jennifer Pettinger will serve as our very capable Secretary. The board will be comprised of Dave Metzler, Janice Queen, Mark Chaffin, Glenn Miller, Barb Miller and Lynne Mullen. The auditor committee includes J.C. Tyus, Harry Queen and Charlotte Chaffin.

The membership will be provided a ballot at the November meeting.

Janice Queen presented the story of Kyle Masters who represents the serious concerns regarding suicide among the first responder situation. She will prepare a letter for John's consideration to donate funds to the cause of officer and retired officer suicide.

Lynne Mullen presented a request for \$400 to be used for Christmas gifts for the Retired Officer's Widows group. The membership of that organization deeply appreciated the support given to them last year by the DPRA. The board graciously voted to provide assistance once again to the widow's organization.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at the District Three Police Station at 10:00 A.M.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President John Schnittgrund adjourned the meeting at 12:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Mullen  
Secretary Pro Tem