

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA RETIREES ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2023

President Mike Paccioretti called the meeting to order at 1:30pm at the home of Janice Carr

Attendance: Mike Paccioretti Linda Conroy Bill Lewis Maureen Gates
La Donna Yumori-Kaku Janice Carr Barbara Illowsky Tom Roza

Absent: Cindy Castillo Claudette Penner

Guests: None

Meeting Minutes

May minutes were approved

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Illowsky

- Treasurer's Report Dated September 12, 2023
 - Old Bank Balance:.....\$ 10,928.18 (as of 5/2/2023)
 - Income:\$ 1,599.00
 - Dues.....\$ 110.00
 - Scholarship.....\$ 235.00
 - Picnic Event..... \$ 925.00
 - Baseball Event..... \$ 329.00
 - Expenditures:\$ 747.58
 - Linda Conroy.....\$ 63.30
 - Tony & Alba's Pizza.\$ 684.28
 - New Bank Balance:.....\$ 11,203.02

Notes:

1. #367 for Summer Picnic supplies
2. #365 for Summer Picnic food
3. 5/2/22 balance was \$ 7487.27; 5/8/2021 balance was \$ 5085.27.
4. Upcoming expense: \$329 to Bill Lewis for Baseball Event expenses.
5. FHDA Foundation balance on 9/6/23 was \$470.04. For 4 \$1000, need to transfer \$3529.96 – Board approved this fund's transfer
6. Checks from previous report were cashed.

Treasurer's Report approved

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

District Benefits Report - Susanne Wong Chan

CalPERS Report to FODARA Board - JLMBC Meeting July 27, 2023

- The last meeting of JLMBC for academic year 2022-2023 took place July 27, 2023, via Zoom
- Members of the Negotiating team representing the bargaining groups, Administration and Consultants from Lockton group continued their discussion regarding medical benefits for the groups
- Previous meetings had reviewed research data which showed significant increases in premiums. Alternatives to CalPERS had been discussed
- Bottom line, to change out of CalPERS and to contract with comparable “brokers” or consortium groups would cost more due to punitive “withdrawal” fees rather than to remain with CalPERS.
- Like other price increases of the past few years felt by everyone, premiums for medical benefits will also increase
- It is vitally important that all retirees read through the information regarding Open Enrollment for medical benefits options that has been sent out by CalPERS. Some increases are higher than others. Be prudent and gain understanding of personal medical benefits and needs.
- When active employees return to work in fall, they will be asked to ratify new contracts for the bargaining groups. The District has proposed picking up 85% of the medical plans’ cost. Retirees will wait for the results from these votes.
- The groups broke out to caucus some specific aspects from the negotiations. It was a privilege for George Robles and me, Susanne Chan to listen in awe to the Employee Negotiating Teams - SEIU and FA, whose knowledge and advance planning of strategies was amazing; Personally speaking, I am grateful to have them on “our” side!

AfterWords Newsletter

May Publication:

- September 13 Article/Announcements submission deadline
- Articles:
 - Details for the October Pizza Thing and the reservation form
 - Article on FODARA Baseball Outing
 - Article soliciting for a new *AfterWords* Editor

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Note1: Linda Lane advised that she is planning to retire as the Editor/Publisher of the *AfterWords*; need to recruit a replacement

Note2: Provide Chancellor and College Presidents with *AfterWords* email and hardcopy

Scholarships

Provide Report on Donation Amounts For Last 5-10 Years(Barbara Illowsky)

- Unable to provide report: only have scholarship donations given to FODARA; does not include Foundation's online account
- For 2023, many donations normally sent via the Foundation shifted to checks sent to the FODARA Treasurer
- In the past, FODARA Board has transferred under \$1000 to the Foundation account each September

2023-24 Scholarships

- \$4,000 committed to 2023-24 scholarships: four \$1,000 scholarships - two for each college
- Discussion to offer 6 \$1000 scholarships 2023-24 instead of 4
 - Excess funds in FODARA account
 - Discussion regarding pros/cons on setting an objective of increasing the number scholarships
 - Alternative Option:
 - Maintain 4 scholarships
 - Increase amount to \$1250/each scholarship
 - FODARA Board approved this alternative
 - Treasurer will transfer \$4529.96 to Foundation account
- Future Board Meeting Agenda Item: Discuss proposal to have FHDA Board of Trustees Match Scholarship donations

Web Site, E-mail & Distribution

No Report

Social Events

Annual FODARA Summer Picnic

- Attendance: 37 paid admissions: \$925
- Food Catered from Tony & Albas
 - Not enough food was available; possibly caused by self-serve

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- Caterer might not have provided large enough portions
- Ensure Vegetarian offerings are included

Baseball Outing Luncheon *Completed*

- Food was excellent
- Very hot temperatures caused some people to leave early; caused by 1pm Game start time
- In 2024: Consider one of the following:
 1. Attending San Jose Giants game late afternoon/evening
 2. Attending a baseball game in San Francisco or Oakland
 3. Choose another event

Pizza Thing

- Date/Time: Thursday Oct 26 3pm-5pm
- Article will be included in September *AfterWords*
- Oct 12: Attendance Registration Deadline
- La Donna Yumori-Kaku & Linda Conroy will decorate and provide cupcakes as a dessert
- Raffle Door Prizes Total: 5

Holiday Luncheon

- Date/Time: Dec 14
 - 11:00am: Start Time/Socialize
 - 11:30am: Meal Serving
- Extend Invitations to Chancellor/College Presidents in November, no meal charge

2024

Hockey Game: TBD

Wine/Non-Alcoholic Tasting Social Event: Jan 31(Tentative)

St Patick's Day Luncheon: Week of March 18

Annual FODARA Summer Picnic

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

Invitation To New Retirees To Join FODARA

- List of New Retirees: Board of Trustees Meeting Report

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FODARA 2023-24 Board Meeting Dates/Locations:

- Dates: Nov 7, Jan 9, Mar 5, May 7
- Time: 12:45pm-2:30pm
- 2023 Meeting Locations:
 - Sept: Janice Carr Residence
 - Nov: Cindy Castillo
 - Jan: TBD
 - Mar: TBD
 - May: TBD

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Roza, Secretary