

MINUTES OF RPEN CARSON CITY CHAPTER BOARD MEETING Tuesday September 6, 2016

Ellen Westphal called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

There were no minutes of the May meeting due to a technical malfunction.

The treasurer's report for June, July and August was read and approved. Ending balance was \$3898.56. Lynn also presented the proposed budget for October 2016 through September 2017. She said the new funding will include extra money for recruitment efforts and travel to Summerlin for next year's Annual Meeting. Total requested funding was \$10,500.00. There was some discussion about perhaps breaking out some of the larger categories in the report into more succinct subaccounts.

Rowena spoke about a column by Ron Knecht regarding his plans to introduce a hybrid PERS plan. There will be big issues coming up during this next legislative session targeting our retirement and benefits. Ellen said the state office is aware and gearing up for a pretty tough battle to try to protect what we have all worked so hard for. Rowena said she was going to write a letter to him. Ellen suggested writing a letter to the editor because it will reach many more people.

Ellen talked about how hard it was to get a program for this month's meeting. We were very grateful the Carson City Sheriff's office came to our rescue. She asked for ideas for upcoming meetings. Sandra suggested a Annual Meeting update for the October meeting. Rob Joiner suggested having AFSCME come in November and shed light on how they join forces with RPEN to represent employees and retirees.

December is the Christmas party

Under old business we discussed who was going to attend the Annual Meeting in Elko this year. Rob said he no longer wishes to be a voting delegate. Ellen asked for someone to replace him and Roger Bremner. Fran said she has already said she would be Roger's replacement. Ellen asked Eija Messman if she would be willing to take Rob's place. Eija said she would.

Under new business, Ellen reminded us that our chapter had at some point in the past asked for a change to the bylaws to change the tax status for RPEN. At the June Executive meeting she was approached by President Jack Harris and Vice President Bernard Paolini stating they did not want to submit the requested change. They said the wording was sort of vague but they are setting up a committee that will meet in October with the express intention of looking at the whole idea of changing our status or if there are other options which could accomplish the same goals. Jack and Bernard and Terri Laird all said they thought Marty had it wrong when he said we could not in any way endorse candidates. They've now said even without status change we can have candidates come in and speak to us as long as we invite both sides. She said she and Linda had a long talk with them, she feels they want to do the right thing and with the new management things are going to begin to change. There had been some contention regarding our May Board Meeting minutes. We discussed that with them. Terri and Kerry said they would like this board to be more open with them and if we have a problem, we should call them and they will come to address the issue with us. Ellen said she knows there are members present who think that is laughable, but she feels we need to give them the benefit of the doubt. We have a new President in Jack and she feels he will be doing things differently. She said she's addressed some of the issues she has with him and he has acknowledged those issues. He also acknowledged Mary Sonata was wrong when she stood in front of a prior Annual Meeting and stated we are not able to even have candidates at our meetings. Ellen said we should give them a chance and if we see no change at the end of the year, then we may have a different discussion.

Ellen said she and Linda met with the state office and with Jack Harris regarding a kerfuffle in May over something in our minutes and a particular member who they said they had some issues with. They talked about their concerns, and we asked to see documented proof. Ellen and Linda went through all of it then called them back in and explained they felt there was no written proof of some of the issues the state office had brought up. Ellen said if they wanted to take it further, that was up to them, but she said as President of this chapter she would not bring it back to the board for action at this level. Linda said the group agreed that it could be a matter of perception. If a person is approached in an aggressive manner or in a confrontational style, it can be very intimidating. On the other hand, everyone has a bad day and may not intend to appear intimidating but are simply passionate about their issue. She and Ellen told them if they truly feel threatened they should call the police but from the Chapter's view the matter is closed. All agreed to start off with a clean slate and see where we go from here. The Board members did feel the individual should at least be contacted by Ellen in person and confidentially regarding the allegations made and counseled about inappropriate comments or actions.

There was much discussion about problems people are having in contacting the State office, either in person or by phone. Everyone expressed having an issue with no one answering the phone or no one in the office. Ellen said there are only two people in the office now and if one is ill and the other has to attend a meeting, it makes it difficult. Ellen explained the office will be getting a new more sophisticated phone system which should give them the ability to forward calls and allow for updating the messages.

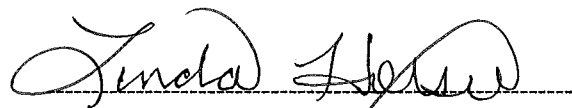
We also talked about having more membership applications on hand at meetings. Fran said she will go by the office following today's meeting to pick up some applications.

Ellen said Bernard is chairing a group to look into this board's proposed change to the by-laws regarding RPEN's tax status. And since it came from this chapter, it is imperative we step up with at least two volunteers to work on this committee. The committee will be doing research into the pros and cons, whether we want or should we have a PAC, would people support a PAC, what are our long term goals, etc. They've already looked at a lot of issues and angles that we never thought of when we first proposed the by-laws change. So she asked for two people to volunteer for that committee. Once the research is done and the proposition worded to reflect that, the proposal will be introduced at the 2017 Annual Meeting. She emphasized the volunteers should work with an open mind and commit to participate. Fran Ellis volunteered but no one else is able to at this time. Ellen plans to bring it up at the general meeting immediately following this one. Rob suggested someone with a connection to AFSCME as they are politically active. Sandra suggested Charlie Muller. She said she will talk to him.

Ellen asked folks to sign up for refreshments. Sandra signed up for January and Lynn for November. Fran took October.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00

DATE OF REPORT October 4, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Hoxsie", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Linda Hoxsie, Secretary

MINUTES OF RPEN CARSON CITY CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING Tuesday September 6, 2016

Ellen Westphal called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no minutes of the May meeting due to a technical malfunction.

TREASURER'S REPORT WAS READ + APPROVED
Beginning of June, the balance was \$4146.95. Expenses were \$248.39 for picnic food. Ending balance first of August was \$3898.56. Projected budget for next fiscal year will be \$11,900. At the end of September Lynn will send them proof of current balance in our account and that will be deducted from what we asked for.

Ellen announced if anyone would like to attend the Annual Meeting in Elko in September to let her know so we can get them registered. All expenses would be paid by the chapter. The dates are 9-20/9-23. She explained that the meeting includes voting on proposed changes to RPEN's by-laws. She told them about the change proposed by Carson City Chapter to change the tax status so we can be more active in endorsing and supporting particular candidates for office. Ellen asked for a volunteer from the general meeting attendees, TO ASSIST WITH RESEARCH.

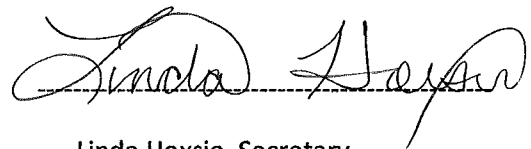
Ellen introduced Sheriff Kenny Furlong from the Carson City Sheriff's Office for the day's program. His first duty was to swear in board members for the next year. He performed splendidly and with good humor.

Sheriff Furlong spoke at length and with great detail about various scams active in the community, such as the grandparent scam wherein someone calls pretending to be a grandchild who is in trouble and urgently needs money to get out of it, usually jail; the phone calls pretending to be soliciting money on behalf of a charity and in that case they are often not a legitimate charity or the money is not used for the stated purpose; of course the lottery scams; and the IRS is after you, as a few of the most egregious. There are many ways to be victimized, especially online. But you still have to practice awareness in your own home. Always check identification or verify their stated affiliations of anyone who knocks on your door soliciting for charity or selling anything. He urged caution at all times.

He talked about gang activity in the Carson City area and about how drugs prompt the vast majority of crimes, especially burglary. Sheriff Furlong also said they are often an inside job - family, friends, friends of family, etc. He reminded us all if we see something to say something. He spoke about Tri-Net, the cooperative effort between Lyon, Douglas and Carson City counties to combat the drug and gang problems. The Sheriff also recommended Carson Now online as the place to get the most up-to-date and accurate information about things which affect Carson City and surrounding areas. This is also one of the many modern methods of getting information out to the public. This was an extremely informational meeting and all felt very timely and well done.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20.

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Linda Hoxsie, Secretary

CARSON CHAPTER RPEN Treasurer's Report

September 2016

BEGINNING BALANCE:

\$3,898.56

Income:

Source

Amount

Expenditures:

Purpose

Amount

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Ellen Westphal - meeting coffee

\$26.00

English Mailing Service - Meeting newsletter

\$462.00

ENDING BALANCE:

\$3,410.56

Date of Report

Sep 30, 2016



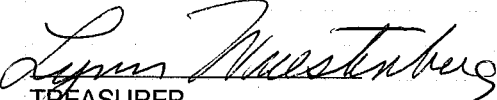
TREASURER

Lynn Wuestenberg

**CARSON CHAPTER - RPEN
2016
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET
10/1/15 - 9/30/16**

DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FY 2015	BUDGET	TO DATE	REMAINING
OPENING BALANCE	\$2,427.10	\$4,239.73	\$4,239.73	
INCOME:				
State RPEN Funding	\$4,933.00	\$3,460.00	\$3,460.00	\$0.00
Christmas Party	\$1,257.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	
Miscellaneous				
Total Income	\$6,190.00	\$4,860.00	\$4,960.00	
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$8,617.10	\$9,099.73	\$9,199.73	
EXPENDITURES:				
Travel	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$162.00	\$638.00
Meeting Rm	\$262.62	\$260.00	\$208.00	\$234.00
Meeting & Misc Corrspnce	\$956.00	\$2,000.00	\$580.30	\$1,419.70
Prntg,Cpyg, Pstg				
Member Promo	\$2,919.38	\$4,000.00	\$4,515.48	-\$515.48
Flyer, Pstg, etc.				
Picnic	\$238.87	\$400.00	\$323.39	\$76.61
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Expenditures	\$4,377.37	\$8,460.00	\$5,789.17	\$3,407.22
CLOSING BALANCE:	\$4,239.73	\$639.73	\$3,410.56	

DATE OF REPORT: 30-Sep-16


 TREASURER
 Lynn Wuestenberg