

College of DuPage Annuitants Association

Special Board Meeting - Minutes

September 17, 2014

2:00 – 4:00 pm – BIC 1402

I. Call to Order

Sherwood Edwards called the meeting to order at 2:13 pm.

II. Roll Call of Officers

Present were: Sherwood Edwards, Prudy Widlak, Meri Phillips

Joe Rorke entered the meeting about 2:45pm.

III. Minutes of Last Meeting (for reference only)

Meri distributed the minutes of the July meeting for review. These minutes will be presented at the Oct. meeting for approval.

IV. Reading of Communications

See next section.

V. Report (Sherwood and Joe)

Question for the Board: Does the CDAA Board want to comply with the Executive Director's call for action? To 1) request our members donate to SUAAction, and 2) visit and survey elected and campaigning politicians in our district?

A. SUAA Communications

ED (Exec. Dir.) Report to Executive Committee

ED Legal Fund Update (how much was donated by chapter)

ED Survey for Candidates

CDAA Membership by Legislative District

Elected Officials Currently in Office

Will we request our members to donate to SUAAction?

Concerns raised: The committee that is charged with distributing the funds donated has not met for two years. The committee is meeting today for the first time. We do not know who/what has received funds.

We will discuss this further at the Oct. Bd. Meeting.

Will we visit and survey our elected and campaigning politicians in our district?

Concerns raised: We have not been made aware of which politicians have been in contact with the Exec. Dir. or whether or not funds have been received by their campaigns. We have not kept up our legislative committee contacts and communications over the last two years with issues of the Association taking our time. There simply isn't enough time at this late date to organize people who are already juggling multiple commitments.

On the other hand, it would be good to know the answers to the questions posed in the survey. It was suggested that some of our members do keep up relationships with their legislators and may be willing to contact those campaigning too.

When Joe came into the meeting, he distributed several pieces of information to supplement the list of our members and their legislative districts:

Legislative Maps and lists related to SURS members by legislative district

Legislators and Candidates by district

Communiqués among the N. IL SUAA Leadership concerning the lobbying efforts, fundraising and the pension court case.

We also discussed the details of the Kenerva v Weems case and the recent Supreme Court ruling.

Prudy will draft a communique to members encouraging them to contact the elected and campaigning politicians and pose some similar questions. Sherwood will edit and send to the Webmasters to post it to the Communications list. Sherwood will gather any responses.

B. Alan Lanning Request

Alan forwarded an article he would like to see sent to all our members via the Communications mailing list and asked that it have a forward by Sherwood. The article, entitled "\$26 Million Selfie at Illinois Jr. College", appeared in an on-line posting on Forbes.com. The author is Adam Andrzejewski, is the founder of OpenTheBooks.com and IL watchdog organization, For The Good of Illinois.

The officers appreciate Alan making the request. Concerns were raised about the author of the article, anyone can write for Forbes, and his other interactions with the College. Posting on the Communications mailing list indicates that the Board supports the information, and we need to have a greater understanding of the entire situation at the College before making that judgment. Given the climate there, the officers believe that maintaining what relationship we have with the administration is important to CDAA and its members. The CDAA is able to use rooms at the College without charge and is afforded funds to send our limited mailings. Officers were informed that the article had already appeared from several sources on Facebook. It was suggested that the Google is private and is the place for this discussion.

Meri will draft a response to Alan and send it to the officers for review and editing. Sherwood will send the edited response to Alan. The Board will discuss what goes through the Communications list at the Oct. meeting.

Note: Peter Klassen added a discussion topic on Google board after Sherwood communique was posted and asked officers to start the conversation.

VI. Old Business

A. Secretary and Treasurer have transferred funds

Sherwood will forward the changes to the state office staff.

VII. New Business

A. Next Meeting

Oct. 22 (changed from 10/15/14, see below) in IC 2618

January 21, 2015 in IC 2618

April 15, 2015 in IC 2618

July 15, 2015 in IC 2618

B. Other

Meri moved, Prudy seconded a motion to change the October 2014 Board meeting from Oct. 15th to Oct. 22nd. Motion was approved.

Meri will contact schedule to switch the room.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.