

FOOTHILL-DE ANZA RETIREES ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2021

President Mike Paccioretti called the meeting to order at 1:23 pm at the home of FODARA Treasurer Barbara Illowsky

Attendance: Barbara Illowsky, Linda Conroy, Mike Paccioretti, Bill Lewis, Cindy Castillo, Maureen Gates, LaDonna Yumori-Kaku (by ZOOM)

Absent: Claudette Penner, Janice Carr, Tom Roza

Guests: None

Meeting Minutes

May minutes were approved with final approval for May's revised Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Illowsky

- Treasurer's Report Dated September 8, 2021
 - Old Balance:.....\$ 4,717
 - Income:\$ 395
 - Dues.....\$ 50
 - Scholarship.....\$ 345
 - Expenditures:\$ 27(New Checks - B. Illowsky address)
 - New Ending Balance: ..\$ 5,085
 - Treasurer's Report approved

Note1: Foundation scholarship balance: \$3,150

Note2: Request for \$850 to transfer to Foundation in order to offer traditional four \$1000 scholarships (9/2020 transfer was \$1600) in 2021-2022

Note 3: 9/8/2020 balance: \$4,867.19

Note 4: After discussion, Board decided it was not necessary in future reporting to have two line items for dues and scholarships since money collected all goes towards scholarships after any miscellaneous expenses for event costs

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

District Benefits – from Faith Milonas Report

- Short discussion centered around upcoming article in After-Words and also upcoming correspondence from FHDA Benefits regarding changes to the PPO
- Member compared notes to clarify their individual situations and hope that the changes will be clear to members later this month.

LTHC CalPERS

- Lengthier discussion centered around the notice that some FODARA members have received and who also purchased Long-Term Health Care from CalPERS with the inflation protection clause
- Hopefully, the article in After-Words together with correspondence from the legal team will help members made informed choices for themselves.

AfterWords

September Newsletter

- Sept AW will include long article on CalPERS Long-term Health Care insurance issues
- Included the announcement from the Foundation on its new free Estate Planning Guide; Robin Latta (Foundation) has suggested it be repeated in each issue as a "retiree resource"-- that is the question for the Board to discuss
- Sept AW will include lots of information on Open Enrollment and benefit updates, and lots more
- AW Sept Publication:
 - Aug 24: Send out article submission request
 - Sept 2: Article submission deadline
 - Sept 9: Deadline to submit edits/new
 - Sept 12: Publication Date

Scholarships

- The Board expressed gratitude for two generous FODARA members who each donated \$500 this summer!
- The essays from the scholarship winners will be moved to the November *AfterWords* edition since September was filled with several large CalPERS articles

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Web Site, E-mail & Distribution

No Report

Social Events-2021-22

Spring Social Event via ZOOM: Apr 22, 2021

411 Tech Q&A Event via ZOOM: May 20, 2021

- Linda Conroy reviewed 20 evaluative responses received after the Spring Social and Tech Q & A Events
- Most responses were very positive and encouraging to try more events
- It was noted that the evaluations went out very late after the events; in the future, it would be better to send them out quickly and limit the number of questions to 5-9 to stay within the FREE survey software restrictions
- A video of session of the 411 Tech Q&A Event was posted on FODARA web site and made available to all FODARA members

Picnic: – *Cancelled for 2021*

SJ Giants Baseball BBQ: - *Cancelled for 2021*

Pizza Event: - *Cancelled for 2021*

Travel ZOOM Event:

- Replaces October Pizza Thing
- A ZOOM event will be held related to various Travel Topics
- Date: October 28 (same day as Pizza Thing); Time: TBD
- Linda Conroy and LaDonna Yumori-Kaku will create and coordinate with the Board and Tom Roza in the next few weeks

Holiday Special

- De Anza campus currently closed and good possibility that it will remain closed throughout the calendar year
- Board decided to have two options presented at the November Board Meeting:
 - 1) Possibility of on campus party: to be researched by Linda Conroy with Patrick Gannon
 - 2) Possibility of off campus party at Holder's Country Inn in Cupertino: to be researched by Bill Lewis
- Both options will be reported at November Board Meeting and a decision arrived at then

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

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FHDA/Foundation Request

- The Foundation had asked the After-Words Editor if it would be possible to place an ongoing “ad” in every issue of After-Words about their Free Estate Planning Guide
- The Board decided that would not be a good idea at this time as it seemed too aggressive and members thought it would be poorly received on an ongoing basis
- The Board did suggest that we would be happy to help the Foundation advertise a ZOOM event if they wished to hold one especially tailored to FHDA retirees.

Recognition for Mike Paccioretti and Bill Lewis

- The Board acknowledged the extraordinary efforts of both Mike Paccioretti and Bill Lewis to maintain leadership throughout the Pandemic, especially given the personal sacrifices and additional responsibilities they have experienced
- Board members are grateful that they both continue to serve with professionalism and look forward to the next crazy year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FODARA 2021-22 Board Meeting Dates: Nov 2(Cindy Catillo’s House), Jan 11(Week after New Year’s/Cindy Catillo’s House), Mar 1, May 3

Note: In-person meetings dependent on status of COVID-19 Pandemic; Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Roza, Secretary

Note: In the absence of Secretary Tom Roza, Cindy Castillo recorded the minutes of the meeting – many thanks to Cindy for performing an exceptional job in this role