

Minutes *AFT 2121 Retiree Chapter Meeting 6 August 2018*

Meeting at 2 PM. Present: Chair Ann Killebrew, Joe Berry, Ron Bixler, Debra Wilensky, Jim McKinney, Steve Goldston, Rosemary Brinson, Tina Martin, Kim Lee, (on phone) Nora Goodfriend-Koven

Topic	Speaker	Discussion	time
Review, add to, and accept agenda	Ann, et al	see below	
Review minutes from last meeting	volunteer	June approved as sent out previously, July approval withheld until Sub. secretary Doug Orr returns with July minutes	
Check-In	All	Not recorded, but secretary notes that check-ins are very lively and interesting and give a great range of the various activities retirees are involved with. A meeting highlight.	
Goals for 2018-2019	All	Discussed and approved: 1. Get permanent rep to go to HSS meetings 2. Decide future of retirement workshop, (frequency, dates, etc.) Final decision put off untill next meeting. 3. Plan some social activities; perhaps 3 per year.(hikes, bike rides, dinners/luncheons,	

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Delegate Assembly report		mountain bike museum in Fairfax, picnic, etc.). Karen will help 4. Improve our presence and post minutes. Need to get person to do this. (see item on agenda below) 5. Consolidate membership, recruiting, and improve record keeping system and grow chapter.	
	Doug/ next in August?	No DA since last Chapter meeting. Upcoming 8/28/18. Berry to sub for Orr.	
Exec. Board Report	Joe/ next in August?	No E Bd. since last chapter meeting. Next is leadership retreat 8/14, at SF Zen Center. Retiree chapter leadership also invited. COPE endorsement meeting open to all COPE members to vote is Thurs. 8/16, 2-4 PM at Ocean Campus, MUB 230. Next regular E. Bd. meeting 8/21 at 3 PM. at office.	
Treasurer's Report	Ron	We have 153 members, not all paid up. Balance of \$ unavailable right now.	
List serve progress	Karen	Progress.	

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Website maintenance	???	Ann will ask Charlie Metzler, Patricia Seid and /or Patricia Arack as possible volunteers to do this task.	
CARA meeting report	Tina	Some info given to Tina to transfer to CARA from 2121. Rest of report previously sent out and attached.	
Volunteering at KPFA, etc.	Joe	Set preferred dates and times: afternoons TW or R. Joe will contact station for date and confirmation.	
SFHSS representative ?	All	Kim Lee volunteered to go to next meeting. Need permanent rep, Sunny or Kathy Berkov suggested.	
Annual donation to CCSF Faculty Association	Kim	Does Yvonne know we voted for this contribution? Ron Bixler, our treasurer, will check on this.	
AFT convention delegate resolution, ideas, etc.	Doug, Joe, or Ann	Ann reported about some timing problems between the retiree meeting and the Trustees meeting. Joe made a brief report about 2121 Doug Orr and Jessica Buchsbaum speaking very well from the floor about hedge funds and candidate endorsements respectively. Written reports to follow from	

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		all 6 delegates, 3 of whom are retirees.	
amazing Retiree By-Law revisions	Jim	Held over until Karen Saginor could be here. Draft looked very good to group overall.	
Recruitment and Retention: responses to e.blast questions	Doug	Calls will be made by those not yet done. Discussion held over to next meeting on this and next item.	
Membership Renewal letter, follow-up	Ann, et al	See above.	
November elections	All	Held over until Sept. meeting	
January Financial Flex Day	All	ditto	
other			
Date for next meeting		Wed. 9/15 2 PM tentatively, pending Karen and Doug's availability. Change to Wed. due to 2121 staff meetings being scheduled for Mon. afternoons now.	
Adjourn		approx. 4:15 PM	

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Berry, Chapter Secretary

CARA Report from Tina Martin

Dear AFT2121 Retirees,

CARA CAT (CARA Action Team) had a particularly interesting

monthly meeting on Thursday, July 12, when we had two special guests before going to picket the VCA, where we were joined by Jenny Worley, Rodger Scott and others to support recently unionized workers there.

It was announced that Our City, Our Home got enough signatures to be on the November ballot. If it passes, they say it will house 4,000 homeless families, youth and adults and prevent 7,000 households from homelessness.

We also got a report on the CARA action on Tuesday, July 10, when several CARA members went to Congressman McClintock's office in Roseville with a PIE, urging him to Protect, Improve, and Expand Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. McClintock heads the Republican Study Committee, which proposes huge cuts/privatization in their 2018-2019 budget.

Jodi Reid said that in the past, McClintock's staff has been welcoming, but this time they seemed wary, perhaps because there have been regular actions every Tuesday on the part of Indivisible and other groups. ("And yet we persist.") They now lock the door and keep the shades closed. A small contingency went to McClintock's office, but the staff wouldn't let them in. They opened the door only a crack and accepted the letter presented but not the pie because they said they couldn't accept gifts.

They were assured that there was no bomb in the pie, but they refused to take it, so Jodi just sort of tossed it in and they tossed it out. "Sort of like Frisbee," Jodi quipped. (Humble pie vs. pie in the sky?)

I've reported on the Senior Ambassador program in the past several months, but to reiterate: We are connecting with seniors who always vote, usually against what we consider their and our interests, to help them better understand candidate positions on key issues impacting seniors--issues like Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. The

seniors we're focusing on are from five congressional districts, CD 4 (McClintock), CD 10 (Denham), CD 21 (Valadao), CD 48 (Rohrbacher), CD 49 (Issa--who's not running for a tenth term). Each volunteer senior ambassador has a list of 20 seniors to call on a regular basis before the November election.

For example, there will be regional candidate and town hall forums in September, and after a mailing about these forums has gone out, senior ambassadors will call the people on their list to ask whether they've received these invitations. We've heard that when people show up at the forums and are asked what brought them, they often say "I got a phone call."

You TOO can be a senior ambassador!

We are now on the second phase, and a second letter will soon go out. A survey on "senior issues" will be sent to all candidates, and because incumbents are so reluctant to fill out these surveys revealing their stand on these issues, CARA will let senior voters know how they've voted on the issues, saying something like "These candidates chose not to reply to the survey, but this is how they've voted."

We are selling raffle tickets to offset the cost of CARA's 15th annual regional conventions. Someone from the AFT 2121 expressed an interest in buying raffle tickets, but our planned meet-up at Frida Kahlo's 111th birthday celebration didn't happen. Please let me know if you're interested. They are \$2 each or 6 for \$10, and the first prize is \$2018--like the year!

Bruce Lee Livingston, the Executive Director/CEO of Alcohol Justice, the Industry Watchdog, reported on SB 905, a proposal to keep bars open later--until 4:00 am instead of 2:00 am--a proposal which Alcohol Justice opposes. We recommended that the legislative Committee of CARA oppose this unless it's amended. (I'm not clear on how it would be amended--perhaps not to specify an even later hour.)

Kathie Piccagli reminded us of the Climate Justice March in September, and Dave Williams said that we would have a labor contingency. We voted unanimously to endorse Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice. If you're interested in attending a planning committee for this, here's a link:

[Rise for Climate, Jobs, and Justice: Mass Meeting, July 24](#)

Bottled water appeared on our premises, and Denise objected, suggesting that we bring our own water bottles instead of supporting corporations who make profit on water, destroy our infrastructure, and fill our oceans with plastic. Hene said that we had the bottled water only because of a bus trip to a hot spot. In any case, there was a consensus that we should all take a stand against bottled water and keep it out of sight..

A member reported on a Michigan State University study finding \$21 trillion in unauthorized spending in the departments of Defense and Housing and Urban Development for the years 1998-2015.

A member of Gray Panthers announced an upcoming forum on long-term care to be held Tuesday, July 17, from 1:00 to 3:00 at the Unitarian Universalist Church's Fireside Room.

Rudy Gonzalez, the interim Executive Director (replacing Tim Paulson) of the SF Labor Council, whose ILWU facilities at 1188 Franklin CARRA uses, spoke to us about the newly-unionized workers at the VCA (Veterinary Centers of America), and thanked us for our agreeing to picket because the corporation that owns the place is trying to bust the fledgling Union. After the meeting, some of us stayed to make signs and then headed to Alabama and 18th to support the newly organized union members.

Roger Scott and Karl Kramer, co-director of the San Francisco Living

Wage Coalition, were there with a banner saying "SF Living Wage Coalition--Jobs for All.," and AFT 2121 president Jenny Worley was there with her dog.

Supervisor Hillary Ronen was there with a letter to present to the corporate owners of the VCA. Before she spoke passionately in support of the union, a couple of us had the chance to have our picture taken with her, someone we're proud to stand beside. (We've run in to her while we were doing outreach for CCSF and she was looking into navigation centers in the Mission, and she spoke at a gathering of La Colectiva, a worker-run collective helping to empower immigrant women and connect them with jobs. We talked about the fact that in *The Best in SF Weekly*, hers won the superlative "The Most Passionate Speech" and Frida Kahlo Way won the superlative "The Most Overdue Renaming of a Racist Monument.")

I should mention the fact that CARA endorses measures but not candidates.

Here are some

photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r9kfubvf4lz0xsy/AADPigIJxU1SRYoUKtsu8ev3a?dl=0>

In closing, I want to give credit to Rodger Scott for helping me identify a couple of people! I knew he'd know!

Have a great weekend even though I know we retirees weekends all through the week! We live in the world with people who don't.

Tina