

**Chabot-Las Positas Association of
Retired Employees**

Board Meeting

October 29, 2012

San Ramon Country Club, San Ramon

Board Members Present: Dick Albert, Clyde Allen, Linda Barde-Zimmerling (President), Gay Connor, Don Nilson, JoAnne Neu, Isabel Polvorosa, Sophie Rheinheimer, Chet Rhoan, Bill Threlfall, Sharon Trethan, and guest Helen Bridge

Absent: Rachel Maldonado Aziminia, Esther Goldberg, Art Larson, Bob Wiseman

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by President Linda Barde-Zimmerling.

1. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2012 were approved as prepared.

2. Reports:

A. Newsletter

Bill Threlfall presented an update of assignments for the next newsletter, as follows: President's Message and biography — Linda; Chabot College news — Isabel; Las Positas College news and grants program — Sophie; AB340 --Chet; Pertinent country club form — Gay. Bill appealed to attendees to provide news for the retiree news section, also current activities to include in the newsletter. Items are due to Bill by November 9.

B. Treasurer's Report

Sharon Trethan presented a current report on our funds.

Sharon also brought up Proposition 30 which is on the November 6 ballot. This was discussed as it relates to the two colleges. President Barde-Zimmerling stated that Chabot has printed two schedules for Spring Semester, one reflecting courses to be given with passage of Proposition 30 and the second for failure of passage. Also on the ballot is a measure for a parcel tax, earmarked for math-science.

C, **Webmaster:** Bill noted that website use was similar to that observed in the recent past. The Home Page and Directory were the pages receiving most visits.

D. CARE FUND

Clyde Allen announced that the final report will be ready later this week. He reviewed details for information of the Board. Clyde indicated that the District Foundation donated \$10,000 to the effort to pass Proposition 30.

E. Activities

Gay Connor suggested a showing of Don Nilson's slides, with additions, at the reunion-luncheon in January. The usual raffle will be held, with each Board member to contribute a gift of \$15-\$20 in value. Bill brought up the possibility of providing entertainment, and a discussion ensued. No change in agenda for the reunion was made.

F. Chabot Liaison

Isabel referred to the cuts being made in classes and personnel at Chabot College, noting particularly that enrollment has been lowered. Linda expressed her feeling that retirees would be interested in knowing about how the college is coping.

G. District Liaison

Sharon Trethan announced recent changes in District job descriptions. Requirements in some cases have been lowered from PhD to Master's degree. She said that CARE is seen as an organization that represents the District and can provide input concerning retiree needs when needed. She also indicated that retirees need to take a good look at the limits of the dental benefit program being offered by the District to make sure it meets their needs. In addition, she noted that Jennifer Adams, Executive Assistant to LPC's President, is no longer at the college.

H. Las Positas Liaison

Sophie Rheinheimer addressed the group on the topic of what she referred to as the "dark cloud" over Las Positas College and District related to the current Las Positas College President. She described the difficulties being encountered by staff members at this time and said that resolution of the problem is expected in the near future.

I. Grant Committee News

A. Sophie Rheinheimer described the process utilized in selecting winners of the CARE Grants for 2012-2013. Further review and changes may need to be put into place for next

year. Final summary reports from all the winners will be due next May. Sophie distributed copies of a sheet showing the CARE Grant winners, as indicated below:

Chabot College Winners: Kim Morrison (\$500 for Library Laptop Lending Program; JoAnn Galiano (\$500 for Community Outreach RAM); and ValJean Dale (\$500 for Student Health 101 Magazine.

Las Positas Winners: Cindy Ahre (\$350 for Whiteboard Erasers); Richard Dry (\$150 for RAW Sign and Banner - full funding); Pauline Trummel (\$200 for Refillable Auspens); and David Everett (\$800 for Fermentation Support—full funding).

Bill said he would obtain information from Sophie to place on the website, noting that this is a good chance for CARE to raise its visibility and role in grants to staff and students. Linda said she would like to present information on the grants to the Board of Trustees to let Board members know what we are doing. Sophie will present awards to Las Positas winners on November 7, and Linda will present awards to Chabot winners at a brown-bag luncheon. Don Nilson offered to photograph the presentations.

B. **Don Nilson** (Photographer) discussed the slides, with additions, he will run for the retirees at the January luncheon-reunion. Don continues to take photographs of Board members and others at a variety of events throughout the year.

4. Vice-President's Report

Chet Rhoan has written an article for the newsletter on AB340 that affects those coming after and said that he has been appointed to the retirement board of FACCC and is in contact with STRS and PERS. He will be their advocate.

5. President's Report

Linda addressed the Board on the topic of nominations for next year's officers. Bill nominated Chet Rhoan for President of CARE.

Upon the Motion , duly made and seconded, the nomination of Chet Rhoan for President of CARE was approved.

Upon Motion, duly made and seconded, the nomination of Helen Bridge for Vice President was approved.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a Christmas luncheon at Linda's home on December 14. Board members will receive details via email.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Neu
Secretary