



CPDRA Cranston Police Department Retiree Association

Date: January 22, 2014

Call to Order: President Pete Sepe called meeting to order at 1905 Hrs

Salute to the Flag

Previous Minutes: Distributed and reviewed by all members present, and approved January 22, 2014

Treasurers Reports: Treasurer Mark Sepe Treasurers Report. Stated at this time Legal Fund account has a \$10.00 balance after paying out a total of \$11,766.31 to Ravens, Revens & St. Pierre for legal fees in the “Friendly Agreement” between the City of Cranston and the C.P.D.R.A and Local 1363 (Cranston Fire Department Union – which also represented its retirees and widows). Mailing fees were \$620.00. Total in checking account at this time is \$3323.73 and in savings account \$1694.79. Approx. \$1400 in dues has been collected for 2013/2014. Motion made by J.Cicione and Treasurers Report accepted.

Old Business:

1. President Sepe discussed the new website that was created for C.P.D.R.A., as previously agreed upon by members, for disseminating information via the internet. Total cost for creation was \$750.00. Website is currently up and running and being maintained by President Sepe. The 10-4 newsletter is also currently on the website.

2. President Sepe announced that on December 13, 2013 Judge Sara Taft-Carter approved the “Friendly Agreement” in regards to our pension and mandates the ARC being properly funded through the year 2042. Opting into this agreement were 83% of retirees from Police and Fire. This also keeps intact the widows 3% COLA. President Sepe thanked many members for their help with answers and legal assistance during this being processed thru the court which included; Richard Gallo, Fred Morse, Gary Notarianni, Vincent. Mcateer, Ray Angell and Mel Cassel. The agreement can be viewed on-line thru the City of Cranston website Calendar, Finance Committee January 16th 2014: <http://web.cranstonri.org/clerkdocs/2013Ordinances/Proposed/12-13-1TeamstersWorkforceSolutionsCBA.pdf>

New Business:

1. Discussion over election of new CPDRA officers indicated no present members expressed interest at this time. Since the current members expressed interest in staying on in their current role with CPDRA, Floyd Smith made motion that all officers and board members be maintained in their positions. With no other objections made to this motion, there are no changes to the CPDRA officers or board members.

2. Discussion over possible ways to generate funds to help CPDRA. Currently the yearly cost is approximately \$1300 a year to keep CPDRA in existence. Many ideas were brought forth by members:

a.) Sgt. Ignasher stated possibly the City of Cranston may have "Impact Funds" which are monies given by the city to association's such as the CPDRA. Further investigation to be made if this is viable.

b.) Pres. Pete Sepe stated possibly having a raffle giving away prizes or a Golf Tournament; monies could be raised and would like to do this in honor of Rico Maccarone

c.) Mark Sepe stated there could be separate price for dinner and another price for those who played golf and have dinner afterwards.

d.) John Bell spoke about having "T's" and "Holes" being sponsored by individuals or businesses.

e.) Trudy Fitta asked about sponsorship letters being drawn up by CPDRA to send to people that may sponsor or want to join in this Golf Tournament.

f.) Joe Cicione stated possibly CPDRA could hold a Steak Fry which has been done in the past by the CPDRA to collect funds.

Motion was made to do further research into the cost into a possible 1st annual Rico Maccarone Golf Tourney, to be held possibly this summer.

Other Business/Discussion:

1.) Jim Ignasher asked about the 5% bump raise at 55 and why it wasn't being paid out. Richard Gallo explained Mayor Fung was holding back the increase because of miscalculations that were found during Almonte's actuary report. According to the city, many members were given raises that were calculated improperly when they used raises based upon the Fireman's contract and not the Police Contract, which in turn over paid members.. Richard Gallo stated at this point Mayor Fung has this information but yet has done nothing to correct the issue in hand. Since CPDRA does not have the right or authority to bargain for retired members, President Sepe stated it was up to each individual to proceed against the city on a personal basis.

2.) President Pete Sepe stated he was going to contact Mayor about having someone to represent CPDRA on the Pension Committee.

3.) President Sepe acknowledged Joe Cicione for his hard work and dedication as past President of the CPDRA and on behalf of all members gave to him a \$150.00 gift certificate for Café Itri and a bouquet of flowers for his wife. Richard Gallo spoke also thanking Joe for the tremendous work he has done throughout his career with CPD and the CPDRA and also his integral part in forming the IBPO many years ago.

Next Meeting: Members will be notified as soon as next meeting date is determined.

Meeting Adjourned: 2015 hrs

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Gertrude Fitta
Secretary, CPDRA