



## CPDRA Founder and Honorary President Rico Maccarone



Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association  
374 Congdon Hill Road  
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May 5, 2019

The following are minutes of the Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association (CPDRA) Meeting that was held on April 25, 2019 in the community room of the Cranston Police Department.

1. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for those CPD Officers who are no longer with us. Since our last meeting, we have lost Officer Leonard D'Errico and Detective William Palmer.
2. President Sepe provided members with the following financial report:
  - A. Current balance in Savings Account: \$1,795.75
  - B. Current balance in Checking Account: 9,235.87
  - D. **Total financial assets to date: \$11,031.62**

\* Increase of \$4,117.52 from last year.

  - E. President Sepe recognized and thanked retiree Wayne Solsberg for his generous donation to the CPDRA this year.
  - F. A motion was made, second and unanimously voted on to accept the treasurer's report.
3. A motion was made, second and unanimously voted on to accept the minutes of the last meeting.
4. Old Business Reviewed:
  - a. The CPD Memorial Brick Form has been updated and distributed to all sworn civilian and officers of the Cranston Police Department. President Sepe hopes that the purchase of these bricks will off-set the cost increase for engraving the rank and name of departed CPD members. This form will be sent to all retirees and widows via an email for possible purchasing. **Open Item.**
  - b. The Chief's Gallery on our web site has been updated to reflect all past and present senior leadership. **Closed Item.**
  - c. As like last year, a concerted effort will be made by the association to contact retirees who have not paid their 2019-2020 dues. **Open Item.**
  - d. Retiree Sgt James Ignasher was recognized and thanked for his efforts on improving and publishing our 10-4 Newsletter.

## 5. New Business:

- a. Since there were no nominations for new officers or board members, these positions remain status quo.
  
- b. With limiting our spending last year, President Sepe suggested that we attempt another CPD Retiree luncheon this year. Unlike the past event, this luncheon will be free to all current CPDRA members; with the exception of purchasing their beverage of choice. The cost for all other individuals wishing to attend will be \$20.00. We are currently looking at a Saturday in August as a possible date. President Sepe will send out the date, time, and location ASAP to all retirees and CPDRA members once this information has been confirmed. **Open Item.**
  
- c. Regardless of what transpires with the possible luncheon this year, President Sepe suggested that we do not forget our out-of-state members and think about doing something for them in 2020. This could be purchasing CPDRA hats or sweatshirts at no expense to our dues paying members. **Open Item.**
  
- d. With the increase of engraving our memorial, retiree Don Bucci stated that he may have an individual that could provide this service at a lesser rate. President Sepe to obtain this individual's name for follow-up. **Open Item.**
  
- e. While the status of our finances and membership are sound for the CPDRA, President Sepe stated that we need to consider the time when the association possibly dissolves and what happens to its finances. Once suggested was made to that we have a legal document drawn up where the money is left to the department and strictly used for upkeep and engraving our memorial. However, before this is accomplished, discussions will be conducted by the officers, board members, and input from our dues paying members on what would be the best course of action to take. It was determined that before our next meeting in 2020, possible recommendations will be afforded to our dues paying members for review. In turn, the final decision will be included in our by-laws but will require a vote on this issue at our 2020 meeting. Attention to our out of state members, please ensure we receive your vote via an email once we provide you with our recommendations. **Open Item.**
  
- f. As like last year, the current financial status of the CPDRA and meeting minutes will be emailed out to all members. **Open Item.**
  
- g. Although not discussed, members are requested to review the minutes of this meeting on our web site prior to the next meeting. This will eliminate making copies for the meeting and limiting our expenses (as small as it may seem). The CPDRA web site can be reached by going to the internet and typing in Cranston Police Department Retiree Association. This web site also includes all previous 10-4s and meeting minutes.

6. Before our meeting adjourned, we had an estate planning presentation from Attorney's Nicholas Lambros and Ann Marie Maccarone from Lambros Law. Information provided to those in attendance were directed to wills, power of attorney, irrevocable and revocable trusts, Medicare and Medicaid issues and financial information. As previously stated, both attorneys have no affiliation to the CPDRA or any member and this presentation was accomplished at no cost to the association. Since these attorneys are experts in estate planning, anyone who did not attend this meeting can contact them at Lambros Law, 100 Midway Road, Cranston, RI 02920. Telephone number is 401-383-9899. Thank you cards have been sent to both Attorney Lambros and Maccarone by President Sepe on behalf of the CPDRA. **Item Closed.**

7. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and second at approximately 8:45pm.

8. As a reminder, the date for paying your 2019 - 2020 CPDRA dues is July 30, 2019. Please send your \$25.00 check or money order to CPDRA, C/O Peter Sepe, 374 Congdon Hill Rd., Saunterstown, RI 02874.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Fritta, Secretary  
CPDRA