



CPDRA Founder and Honorary President Rico Maccarone



Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association
374 Congdon Hill Road
Saunderstown, RI 02874

April 22, 2022

The following are minutes of the Cranston Police Department Retiree's Association (CPDRA) Meeting that was held on April 20, 2022 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 Majors Robert Ryan and George Carello, Captain Robert Brown, Jr., Sergeants James Cooke, Anthony Massimino and Ronald Guilmette, Detectives Ray Flynn Jr, Joseph Pelosi, David Palazzolo, Robert Nunes and Christopher D'Ambrosio, and Officer Walter Thurber. President Sepe also apologized to the attendees on the mix-up of not purchasing CPDRA golf shirts for everyone during the earlier buy.

2. President Sepe provided members with the following hard copy financial report; to include a breakout of major and yearly expenditures dating back to 2013:

a. Current balance in Savings Account: \$1,795.75

b. Current balance in Checking Account: 10,183.19

c. **Total financial assets to date: \$11,978.94**

d. 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. Unfortunately, the CPD Memorial Brick fund raiser was not successful. We did not receive any requests from any current CPD officers, civilian personnel of the department, or retirees. **Item Closed for Now.**

b. Since 2019, dues reminders have been sent during the fall months which has been successful. In all cases, it is the simple fact that some members have simply forgot to mail them in. **As a reminder, your \$25.00 dues check or money order is due by July 30th of each year. It should be made out to CPDRA and sent to 374 Congdon Hill Rd., Saunderstown, RI 02874. Item Closed.**

d. While our attempt to have a yearly luncheon fell short of attendees, the CPDRA will make every effort to host one breakfast a year for its members. Member feedback indicated there would be more interest in the breakfast via a luncheon. **Item Closed.**

e. During our last meeting on May 5, 2019 (due to COVID), Don Bucci recommended an individual who possibly could provide us with a better price for engraving the rank and name of passing officers on our police memorial. Since this individual never responded to our telephone calls for price information, it was decided to continue to have A. Sciolto Monuments due our police memorial engraving. **Item Closed.**

f. The updates to our by-laws were approved by the majority of our members and will be placed on our web site in the very near future (**go to the internet and type in CPDRA or Cranston Police Department Retiree Association**). Request all members take the time to review them. **Item Open.**

g. Although not mentioned during the meeting, the President is currently working on a financial review with our officers and board members IAW our new by-laws. While the present review is for 2021, it will also include previous years. Currently, 60% has been completed for 2021 with no discrepancies noted. **Item Open.**

h. To reduce our administrative costs and not knowing who will attend our annual meeting, members are requested to review the minutes of the last meeting prior to attending our next annual meeting. **Item Closed.**

5. **New Business:**

a. As we look to the future of the CPDRA, Colonel Comella suggested that we activate our membership committee for soliciting new retirees and previous members to the CPDRA. Assisting him in this endeavor will be Sgt. Robert Jaquard and Detective Fred Morse. Request update at next annual meeting or sooner to President. **Open Item.**

b. With the exception of one CPDRA golf shirt for an out of state member, all other shirts for our out of state retirees will be mailed out this week. **Open Item.**

c. As suggested by the retirees in attendance, CPDRA golf shirts that were not picked up during this meeting will be distributed prior to or after this year's Police Memorial Celebration which will be held on May 18, 2022 at 11:00am at CPD Hdqtrs. Retirees can also text or email President Sepe for coordinating a date and time for picking them up at his home. Due to mailing costs, these shirts for RI CPD retirees will not be mailed out. **Open Item.**

d. 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.

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

8. As a reminder, the date for paying your 2022 -2023 CPDRA dues is July 30, 2022. Please send your \$25.00 check or money order to CPDRA, C/O Peter Sepe, 374 Congdon Hill Rd., Saunderstown, RI 02874.

Respectfully submitted,

Gertrude Fritta, Secretary
CPDRA