

SOUTH DAKOTA RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
The Lodge, Deadwood
8:45 A.M.

Call to Order: President Jacque Sly called the annual business meeting to order at 9:15.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 2022 Convention and Annual Meeting were highlighted by Secretary, Carm Tobin. A motion was made by Gayle Bortnem and seconded by Al Price to accept the minutes. Motion carried and minutes stood as written.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Pat Johnson, was unable to attend the Annual Meeting so in her absence President Sly shared her reports. Johnson had tracked SDRSP's financial activity from June 2022 through April 2023. The projected budget for the upcoming year of 2023-2024 was included in her detailed report. Bill Zubke made the motion to approve the budget and it was seconded by Rhonda Preller. The motion stood as approved. The treasurer's report is on file and correct.

Community/Health Service:

Diane Odland via Zoom began by complimenting SDRSP members on their generosity of time and commitment. The list of community service ideas was not only varied but interesting and impactful. Thirteen (13) units participated in the Community Service Project this year from April 2022 to March 2023. The Watertown Unit logged the top spot with 6,000 service hours.

Membership: Mary Wilson, head of this committee, shared that both Sioux Falls and Winner units had significant and noticeable member gains this past year. As of May 2023, our SDRSP membership stands at 903 members.

Legislation: Bob and Sharon Rose reminded every South Dakota Retiree in attendance that for almost a year (July 1, 2022) they had been receiving a 3.5% cost of living raise.

South Dakota voters approved the expansion of Medicaid to now include EMT workers and 9-1-1 dispatchers as of July 1, 2023.

Newsletter: Diane Spilde, via Zoom, thanked all for their faithful contributions to each newsletter. She added it has been great getting to know each of you via email.

Her report on the cost of sending each issue is as follows:

August 2022 cost was \$1413.65

February 2023 cost was \$1323.98

The reason for the lower cost in February was reducing the number of newsletters sent to the same addresses. The March 2023 Special Edition cost was \$0. This March issue was sent to Unit Presidents and they emailed this edition to their members. Diane concluded her report by sharing that due to the cost, she is strongly leaning towards emailing future newsletters rather than mailing out hard copies.

Executive Director Report: Gerri Larson explained the project for this year is entitled “Ready to Retire”

events. The Black Hills Unit was selected to be the first to implement this. The purpose is to share needed information that would be advantageous for each educator planning for and deciding when to retire. This ‘fun’ event is designed to showcase the benefits and perks of belonging to SDRSP. A one-time payment of \$2500 was received to work in conjugation with NRTA and AARP in recruiting new members.

NRTA (National Retired Teachers Association) celebrated its 75th Anniversary in Washington DC.

Representing South Dakota, at this anniversary gathering, were Vickie Sterling, Rapid City Unit and Cathy Anderson of the Sioux Falls Unit.

Bylaws Committee: Rhonda Preller, Past SDRSP President and Chair of the Committee, carefully explained the changes and revisions needed to the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Board of Directors had previously approved Preller’s recommendations on the evening of May 1, 2023. After several questions, many explanations and much discussion, the members at the SDRSP Annual Meeting were in agreement. LaRee Mayes, Black Hills Unit made the motion to accept the newly revised Bylaws and Standing Rules. The motion was seconded by Nancy May also of the Black Hills Unit. Motion carried with 100% approval. Pat Johnson, SDRSP Treasurer and Carm Tobin, SDRSP Secretary served on the Bylaws Committee with Rhonda Preller.

OLD BUSINESS:

AMBA Update: AMBA now has South Dakota’s approval for vision and dental insurance according to President Jacque.

NEW BUSINESS:

SDRSP Banner: A banner with our new logo was purchased and displayed during the two day convention.

Webmaster: The SDRSP website has transitioned from Bill Zubke, Watertown Unit to Alex from AMBA.

August Leadership Meeting:

President Sly will preside over both leadership meetings.

- Tuesday, August 15th at 10:00 in Rapid City
- Wednesday, August 16th at 1:00 in Brookings

An agenda and more information will be emailed before the meeting.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Bill Zubke made the motion to adjourn. Nancy May seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carm Tobin

SDRSP Secretary