AFSCME Local 4041 Retirees

General Meeting

May 8th, 2018

10:00 AM

**NORTH:** 625 Fairview, Unit 110 Carson City, NV 89701 **SOUTH:** 601 S Rancho Dr. C24, Las Vegas, Nv 89106

Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM by **President, Charles Muller**.

Pledge was led by **Vice President, Roger Bremner**.

Others In Attendance: Treasurer, Patty Machel, Director North, Steve Suwe, Director South, Laura Leavitt, Director at Large, Frank Papaianni , Trustees, Joan Papaianni , Fred Suwe, Lobbyist, Priscilla Maloney, Mike Hoffman, Staff: Carlos Lopez, AFSCME Western Retiree Organizer, Deb Berko Guests: Bob Gagnier, Tom Bird, NARA President, Scott Watts, NARA Past President, Sue Bird, NARA Recording Secretary

**ADDITIONAL TO THE AGENDA**

**None**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

Minutes of the last meeting were previously distributed via email and on the website; an amendment was made by Priscilla to strike out “send out mailers” and insert “will distribute materials”. Motion by Patty Machel to approve with amendment, seconded by Steve Suwe, Motion passed.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Charlie Muller**

Thanked everyone who helped with the office move from John Street to Fairview Street, discussion and on door covering, instructed Patty to purchase via charge card, the appropriate cover

He and Roger attended the Sawyer-Brian Dinner in Fallon, with discussion and to attend the Fashion Show at the Governor’s mansion. The young Dems, with past members, raised $1300 at event from bake sale, impressive

He, Roger, Joan and Frank attended the Cinco de Mayo at Carson Dems on 5-5-18

He, Roger, Priscilla attended the NV AFL-CIO COPE Conference, lots of political enthusiasm; many candidates presented and attended the Reception.

Flag and poll were ordered for new office, $212, receipts delivered to Treasurer

Thanked Steve Suwe for working on web-site along with Priscilla Maloney

**VICE PRESIDENT: Roger Bremner**

2018 Campaign is important to maintain the Legislative majority and obtain the Governor’s seat and that that both sign so that members can collectively bargain for an agreement in the future. Discussion followed on helping sponsor, in kind, the young Dems, (Tina Davis, contact) who are eager to walk and phone bank. Need to swing the non-partisan voters to minimize losses, consolidate efforts in CD2 for Rosen. No endorsement until after the primary. There is a long way to go to get there. Goals

1. Help Candidate 2. Open voters eyes 3.Big step forward-Reputation of Dems

New mailing address: P O Box 662, Carson City, Nv 89702, listed on web-site

**Treasurer, Patty Machel**

All bills were paid.

Motion by Roger Bremner to approve financial report, seconded by Frank Papianni, Motion passed.

5 people on mail-in dues not current, reminders will be sent on past dues

**Directors:**

**South, Laura Levitt,** signed up 2 new members, attended: 2-28 tele town call with the International, good explanation of Janus case, expected decision in June, April 21st PEP Meeting, Southern N V CLC interviews of 109 candidates, was impressed in the candidates, only a couple were flakes. She announced additional PEB meetings coming soon, open enrollment and Renown’s services. Reminder to get the new 2 dose Shingles shot, two months apart.

**North, Steve Suwe,** attended AFSCME 4041 General Council , attendance was low but issues with logistics, looking for ideas with the website, added 4 posting to home page template tailored to NV issues, note one article is a post from the International as they have access and review content, expect more in the future, added news page and looking for articles to add. Computers are all set up and working in offices. Stated he wanted to be more involved and is enjoying the website work. Website is [www.afscmenvretirees.org/](http://www.afscmenvretirees.org/) Discussion on the placement of the new printer.

**At Large, Frank Papaianni**, no report

**Trustees**

**Fred Suwe, no report**

**Joan Papaianni, no report**

**Lobbyist Priscilla Maloney,** She isworking with Jason Haenal on the internal campaign, setting goals. She attended NV AFL-CIO COPE Conference in April, which dovetails with the campaign process. Attended meetings, and will give final report on Recalls after the last filing date. Discussion on open enrollment and members needs for more hospitals on plan, current plan up in 2020.

She attended a presentation on PERS regarding communication and shared the highlights for the communication plan. She discussed the comparison of RPENS brochure and needs for 4041 Retiree brochure. Roger and Steve will work on a mock up in Publisher, using the ideas learned at the meeting and adding a signup form. Goal is to increase membership and communicate information. She shared the calendar provided by Deb Berko on the Northern NV CLC, whom AFSCME Retirees recently affiliated with. Discussion followed on internal and external communications and when the Union bug is appropriate, or the “Printed in House” statement.

**Guests:**

**NARA President, TBrd:** Update on 2018 Ballot Question 3 and the hazards of what the 109 page PUCN report, approved on 4-30-18, projects the consequences if approved for the measure will cause to the citizens of Nevada, especially those in the rural areas and seniors. Key Findings are: costs to consumers expected to increase for 10 years even though NV currently enjoys some of the lowest average rates in the county and is a leader in solar and renewable energy development as well as business growth, large commercial customers will likely see benefits sooner due to the elimination of alleged residential subsidy and reduced impact fees relating to NRS Chapter 704B, ambiguous language with the Energy Choice Initiative makes difficult to discern the full legal meaning and scope as aspects conflict with each other, which could result in court hearings and additional costs, removes the PUCN, so loss of customer protection body to control costs, it will most likely cost in excess of 100 million dollars in new start of costs, and there after 45 Million in new operations and maintenance costs borne by Nevadans and tax payers, loss of over 400 jobs hundred more negatively impacted, Net Energy Metering (NEM) rooftop solar laws and polices recently enacted through Bill 405, will be negatively impacted as NEM customers could lose their credits, Nevada could be forced to join a California Independent System Operator (CAISO) for a wholesale electric source, not know who will be customers provider of last resort, who you will call for emergency service, customer service etc, or if said companies will be located in Nevada, last but not least, no other state has deregulated in the last 20 years due to the adverse impact on citizens and NO state has done so with a change to its constitution. TBird urged members to read up on the costly and uncertainty this could cause seniors and advised a **NO VOTE on Question 3**. NARA shared two fact sheets, one on the Congressional 3 year budget agreement and the President’s proposal for 2019.

Motion by Roger Bremner for AFSCME Retirees 4041 to join the coalition NO on 3, seconded by Frank Papianni, Motion passed. Roger to complete the form and forward to the NO ON 3 Coalition.

**Scott Watts:** Urged people to consider **NO VOTE on Question 3**, to protect seniors.

**Carlos Lopez,** shared ideas on mailers, complimented and encouraged the use of blind within the state process since TransparentNevada.com listed retirees but with no addresses and would be too time consuming to match to addresses. He shared other ideas and will send materials from the Oregon Retiree chapter, and gave support send promotional materials and items for the upcoming Nevada State Fair on 6-7-18 in Mills Park for the booth. He will get with Jessica to send to the chapter. He stated only two retiree chapters had web pages up, with Washington being the other state.

**Deb Berko**, She and the organizing team have set and met their goals, visited 5 job sites daily, signed up 46 new members, they are literally on the floor running for 12 hours daily, blitzing goals every month, improving communications and processes. The international will be opening up a second office on Desert Inn and Pecos soon. Besides these duties Deb set up and ran several days of interviews for 109 candidates. Walt Elliot, past labor leader in Nevada passed away.

Motion by Roger Bremner to send Steve Suwe for 2 to 3 days to the AFSCME convention in Boston on July 14-16th , seconded by Patty Machel, Motion passed. Steve to make his own arrangements from the packet given to him and be reimbursed for reasonable costs.

Motion by Roger Bremner to purchase promotional items for the NV State fair and for Steve to distribute at the Convention in Boston, seconded by Patty Machel, Motion passed.

Motion by FrankPapaianni to purchase a collapsible banner and tent for the NV State fair, seconded by Patty Machel, Motion passed.

Motion by Steve Suwe to contribute $200 towards AFSCME sub chapter 153’s summer barbeque, seconded by Patty Machel, Motion passed. Roger and Charlie will attend.

General Board Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 PM, general membership meets quarterly.

**Next meeting: 8-14-18 10:00 A.M.**