

**Glendale City Employees' Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 17, 2006**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on May 17, 2006, in the Personnel Training Room.

A motion was made by Mike Cook to approve April's minutes. Jim Moore 2nd the motion. All in favor.

A motion was made by Gina Moore to approve April's Treasurer's Report as read. Jim Moore 2nd the motion. All in favor.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Joy explained to the Board that the committee did not meet this month because we had nothing to discuss this time. The committee reviewed and approved both Treasurers' reports on the internet.

**PRESIDENT**

Joe was in training that day and could not attend the Board meeting.

**VICE-PRESIDENT**

Craig sadly informed the Directors that our GCEA Consultant Ralph De Simone passed away on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Ralph was with the GCEA for 36 years and has done so much for the Association. Craig told the Board we (Craig, Joe & Evette) went to visit Ralph at the hospital four days before he passed away. Even with Ralph being hospitalized he wanted to make sure that we are taking care of all the GCEA issues. Ralph wanted to get better so he could attend the GCEA/City retreat. We will defiantly miss Ralph.

Craig also mentioned that he and Joe are continuing to meet with the City Manager and attending the Bi-monthly meeting.

**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE COMMITTEE**

Mary reminded the Board again to please come and participate in the Food for Fun Day on Saturday, June 10, 2006 at Pelanconi Park in West Glendale (behind Carlos Jr. on Grandview) From 11:00am to 2:00pm. This year's fundraiser will be for Glendale Public Library Family Reading Program. They will be buying books for the unprivileged

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families. Mary and the committee do need more volunteers. There will be at least five different games and food so it should be fun for everyone. Mary will also send out an e-mail to everyone.

Next event will be Cruise Night on July 15<sup>th</sup> and we also need at least ten (10) volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for any of the events please contact Mary Miller at 548-6450.

**HEALTH BENEFITS- PAUL KNAUF**

Paul Knauf, Insurance broker for the City came and talked about the different plans and went over the estimated numbers. Blue Cross PPO – 17.2%, California Care 10% (might be 9 ½%), Kaiser 7.2%, Cigna 5.1%. Paul is trying to negotiate the new rates. The new rates will be effective June 1, 2006. The City will pick up 75% of the medical increase and employee will pick up 25%. After a lengthy discussion Craig and the Board agreed not to make any changes to the plan. The reason that no changes were made was that the savings from the modifications were insignificant to the total cost to the employee.

**PERS RETIREMENT DEATH BENEFITS**

Martha Basurto went over the PERS death benefit. Your spouse, if you were married for at least one year before your retirement and remained married until the date of your death, will receive the Survivor Continuance benefit for life. Your domestic partner, if you were legally registered at least one year prior to your retirement and continuously until your death, will receive the Survivor Continuance benefit for life. If you do not have an eligible spouse or registered domestic partner, your natural or adopted children under age 18, who have never been married, will receive this monthly benefit until marriage or age 18. A child who was disabled and never married prior to age 18, and whose disability has continued without interruption will receive this benefit until the disability ends or until marriage.

The employee must be at least age 50 and have a minimum of five years of CalPERS credited service or have worked part-time for at least five years to be eligible to retire. If you pass away before you are eligible to retire, your beneficiary is entitled to the Basic Death Benefit. Your beneficiary will receive a lump-sum payment of the amount of your contributions, plus interest and up to six months' salary (one months' salary rate for each year of current service to a maximum of six months) for more information please contact Martha at 548-2160.

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**RELAY FOR LIFE**

Gina, Juan and Craig talked about last year's event. Mary Miller, Community Alliance Chairperson would like to have a team in Ralph's honor. Being the fact that's the cause of Ralph passing was from cancer. We will again be serving this year's midnight snack. Gina Moore last year collected about \$1,100.00 alone. We need 24 members so each person would only have to walk for an hour. Mary encouraged every one to get involved in the 24-hour event as well as bringing your family and there's lots of food and entertainment for everyone. Gina Moore explained to the Board that if you want to send e-mail to your family and friends Relay for Life has their own website that would help you format the letter. Gina also encouraged the directors to tell everyone about it because this event is for a good cause and even if you can't make it then please donate money. That money would help researchers to help all cancer patients. The event will be at the Sports Complex on October 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> (the first weekend in October). We need to continue to support the City in its efforts to help raise funds to continue the research to find a cure for cancer.

Gina Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a moment of silence in Ralph's memory. Jim Moore 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in favor.

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*Craig Hinckley*  
GCEA Vice President