

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 @ 11:03 am

The September 2019 General Membership meeting of the Dallas Police Retired Officers Association took place at the Dallas Police Association, 1412 Griffin Street East, Dallas, TX 75215.

Present: President David Elliston
Vice President Dwight Walker
Secretary Ken Seguin
Treasurer Crista Walker
Director Dale Erves
DFR Advisor Larry Williams

Absent: Director Louis Felini
Director Boux Bland
Communications Director Carol Richtsmeier

Discussion:

1. President David Elliston called the meeting to order without the Pledge of Allegiance as the flag had been removed from the room.
2. President Elliston called for a “Moment of Silence” in remembrance of the many Americans who died on September 11, 2001
3. Director Dale Erves delivered the invocation.
4. The minutes from the August 2019 meeting had been previously posted on the DPROA website. A motion was made by member James Freeman to accept the minutes as posted; seconded by member Mia Sullivan. Motion carried by acclamation with none opposed.
5. President Elliston advised there was no Ratliff lobbyist report and it would resume in November 2019.
6. President Elliston stated that DPROA appellate attorney Kirk Pittard would be appearing in Austin at the Texas Supreme Court chambers for the 9:00 am, September 17th hearing. That hearing will be recorded and available to the general public.
7. A hearing pertaining to the Annual Adjustment lawsuit against the Texas Pension Review Board (PRB) is scheduled for September 19, 2019 at 2:00 pm in Austin.
8. President Elliston explained that the EBoard has decided to re-open participation applications for the Annual Adjustment lawsuit. The application period will be January 1 – March 31, 2020. Applicants will be required to pay monthly membership dues dating back to June 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 (7 months) for their respective membership classification, maintain current dues beginning in January 2020, and pay the \$400 contribution fee.
9. Representative Miriam Rosas of Garda Armored Truck Service addressed the membership about employment with that company. The company provides Medical/Dental/Vision coverage and is responsible for the transport of valuables to customers. Both part-time and full-time positions are available, and the company operates seven days per week. Employees must be licensed security officers and pass a background investigation and drug testing protocol. She provided examples of available pay before and after training, and stated she could be contacted at Miriam.Rosas@garda.com.
10. Treasurer Walker reported:

1032 Annual Adjustment participants have paid \$400 each = \$412,800.00

DPROA has paid \$150,000.00 of \$200,000.00 to David Feldman for contract fee.
Billings are deducted from the \$150,000 deposit.

\$111,571.78 Designated funds remain in our Feldman Account

\$262,800. Designated funds for AA Lawsuit remains in our Frost Account.

11. President Elliston stated the trips the board members make to Austin are paid for out-of-pocket but if members want to donate to funds for this purpose, feel free to designate it on your donation as “for travel.”
12. Treasurer Walker stated that purchases of DRPOA items by members can now be done via credit card with a \$1 charge add-on.
13. Director Erves advised that he would be taking DPROA polo shirt orders (\$30) after the meeting and the ball caps are also still available (\$20).
14. President Elliston reported that SMU is making available football tickets for the upcoming game against Texas State University. These tickets would be complimentary for peace officers but that a volunteer would be needed to coordinate on behalf of DPROA. No one volunteered to undertake the coordination effort.
15. President Elliston and Vice President Walker stated that they, along with other retiree organization representatives, had met on August 26 with new DPFPS Board Trustee Robert French who is an attorney with experience as a military JAG. They felt it was a productive meeting and spoke about easing the restrictions to obtain a hardship disbursement from DROP and to have a legislative proposal submitted that would remove the “clawback” provision from HB 3158.
16. President Elliston advised that DPFPS Chairman Bill Quinn has spoken to Mayor Eric Johnson about the issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:59 am.

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Kenneth E. Seguin
Secretary