

TEAM 2013 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2014

Truman Hotel, Jefferson City

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In attendance:

Nicole Kreisel, State President

Robert Tripp, State Vice-President

Dave Taylor, State Treasurer

Duke Wrisinger, Retiree Representative

NW, SW, SE, KC, SL, and CD Chapters represented. NE Chapter was absent.

Meeting called to order by Nicole Kreisel, TEAM President at 9 am.

Harry Hill was asked to report on the Legislative update:

He handed out a summary of the History of the State Employee Deferred Compensation Program (see attachment).

There has been some chatter about bringing back Deferred Compensation for state employees by Governor Nixon, the Budget Chair Rick Stream and also Linda Luebbering, Missouri Budget Director has talked about this. Harry has spoken directly with Rick Stream, promoting bringing the match back.

Harry has set up a dinner TEAM is hosting for the House Committee on Appropriations. This will be an informal meeting that will allow us to discuss our position one on one with the committee members. This dinner will be on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at Alexandro's in Jefferson City. Nicole has asked a few members from TEAM to attend this dinner.

Harry was asked about any funding bills for MoDOT in general. It appears this will go through the legislative process again instead of an initiative petition. HJR68, Sponsored by Sen. Henson appears to be the legislative bill tied to the 1% General Sales Tax for Transportation (10 year sunset).

Harry was asked about any other bills in this session we need to keep our eye upon. Has there been anything introduced concerning early retirement or removal of holidays? Other bills brought forth in past legislative sessions were employees' salaries keeping pace with medical insurance premiums or not allowing retired state employees working for cities or counties. He hasn't heard anything yet on any of these four aforementioned items.

Harry thanked the TEAM for the time to report on these items and would keep us updated throughout the legislative session on issues that affect us.

Statewide Business

Nicole asked Chapters for input on how to increase membership – what are other Chapters doing? Most Chapter report allowing them to have a booth at Employee meetings has really helped. Maybe have a contest for membership drive? Nicole asked for ideas concerning making a statewide purchase of a TEAM logo item – what would everyone prefer? Cups/pins/hats, etc? She asked all Chapters to send in ideas and pricing – the Statewide TEAM may be able to fund a purchase.

Nicole has also asked everyone to send in Chapter contact information for the website in order to keep it updated. Nicole also stated the website/Facebook and Twitter accounts are all basically the same address: TEAMissouri (website: TEAMissouri.com Facebook www.facebook.com/TEAMissouri Twitter @TEAMissouri)

Nicole will put the Constitution updates on the website for review and comment. Items to consider:

- Chapters of Response – what consists of a majority?
- Board make-up including retiree representative
- Chapter Officers holding statewide office position?
- Bylaws are needed for Accidental Death benefit

Nicole will speak with Ed Hassinger concerning the Highway Gardens and getting a mini-memorial placed there for Fallen Workers. Also, will work on getting him invited to the next meeting.

Question about TEAM position on Insurance Board Proposal was discussed. TEAM will not make an official comment on this proposal – Nicole will ask Todd Tyler about Trooper's position.

Chapter Reports

Each Chapter represented reported on member numbers and account status. Chapters were reminded to provide financial accounting quarterly at the meeting (bank statement copy). TEAM represents 2,110 members statewide.

NW Chapter – 205 Members; \$3724 in Checking; \$1674 in Savings; \$7,659 in Needy family fund. No active business.

SE Chapter – 332 Members; \$11,167 in account. No active business.

Central Chapter – 345 members; \$15,000 in accounts. On 3/29 there is a joint CU/Association meeting. They will also be putting up a Fallen Worker Memorial at the District Office.

SW Chapter – 556 Members; \$18,200 in checking. They are considering purchasing 4 Season Tickets for the Springfield Cardinals that would be available for members to use.

KC Chapter – 242 Members; no changes to Checking account balance. Activities - none currently. Picnic was held, but not many turned out.

SL Chapter – 235 Members; \$1,184 in Savings & Checking. Activities – none planned yet – talk about a Car Show/Picnic May time frame. Need to have quarterly meeting.

NE Chapter – not present – 195 Members.

Finance report was reviewed. Motion was made to pass as read and seconded. Minutes are posted to the website.

Items from the Floor

There is no Lobby Day this year. The dinner next week is in lieu of this.

Concerns about doctor's excuse needed to return to work after 3 days off? This needs to be brought forth to the EAC – not a TEAM item.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Next Meeting – **TBD**– Truman Hotel, Jefferson City