

Retired Public Employees of Alaska
Southeast Chapter
Minutes of March 12, 2020

Brenda Knapp, the Chapter Chair, brought the meeting to order at 11:45.

The minutes of the meeting on February 13, 2020 were approved as presented.

Mike Notar presented the Treasurer's report and we currently have \$3,032 in the checking account.

Brenda gave the Chairperson's report. She pointed out that Sharon Hoffbeck sent an email to all members about elections for state RPEA offices that are up for renewal. Brenda is the chair of the nominating committee. Anyone interested in serving on the RPEA Executive Board should talk to Brenda or contact Sharon Hoffbeck. Also, because of the pandemic, Retirement and Benefits is no longer providing services in person. If you have questions or need assistance, you must call the office. We will probably cancel the scheduled meeting in April.

The report of Legislative information was delayed until later in the meeting. There was no report of medical information.

The speaker for the meeting was Chuck Bill, CEO of Bartlett Regional Hospital. He has a Masters Degree in Medical Administration and has been CEO at Bartlett for six years after serving as CEO at several other medical institutions. He gave an overview of the services offered at or through Bartlett and also a look at other services that they plan to add in the future. In addition to services here, we have visiting and consulting services from Providence Hospital in Seattle and Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Mr. Bill assured us that COVID-19 test kits are available here in Juneau and that they have extensive contingency plans in place to handle COVID hospitalizations as needed.

Cindy Spanyers gave her report on what's going on in the Legislature. Because of the drop in oil prices the Finance Committee has been trying to come to grips with a deficit of at least \$200M. Also, the Permanent Fund has dropped in value because of losses in the stock market. The local legislators will be conducting a town hall meeting with the people of Juneau to discuss the financial problems and ask for input on solutions.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Alan Davis, Secretary