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Longevity Election Results

Important Nomination At January Meeting

At the January meeting of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association the nomination for new officers for 1958-1959 will be held.

It is incumbent upon every man to make his best effort to attend this meeting.

This is the meeting for all of the gripers to attend. Those of you who are unhappy with the way the Association has been run for the past few years are the ones who have not attended a meeting for quite some time. This is your Association and it is only as good as its officers. You can do something about who the officers are by showing up at this meeting.

The nominations will be held in January and the election will be held in February prior to the February meeting. The February meeting will be the annual installation of officers and Ladies' Night.

You are being notified about Ladies' Night so that you will be able to make plans to attend.

Come to the January meeting, nominate your man and then in February root him on at the installation.

It's up to you!

At the end of four days balloting ending Tuesday, December 24, 1957, on the proposal "Do you wish your Association to initiate court action as recommended by the Board of Directors towards compelling the Civil Service Commission to certify longevity payments in its wage surveys?" the members voted as follows:

	YES	NO		YES	NO
Central	68	14	Taraval	54	6
Southern	32	2	Headquarters	20	—
Potrero	18	6	Motorcycles	83	4
Mission	54	3	Juvenile	9	2
Northern	74	6	Academy	7	—
Park	29	1	Range	11	—
Richmond	43	6	Inspectors	95	6
Ingleside	47	10	Traffic (APB&F/P) ..	54	8

Totals: Yes—701; No—74.

While less than 1/2 of the department voted, many who did not vote expressed themselves as definitely in favor of the proposition. Others asked who go to the time and expense of conducting an election as the vast majority are in favor of such a measure as it will eventually affect all members.

Why an election? The by-laws of this Association call for an election on any proposition introduced and carried at a meeting. This requirement of the by-laws was undoubtedly made so that no small group with selfish interests could attend a meeting and pass on propositions only beneficial to them.

We trust that in future elections that the members will be cognizant of this requirement and understand its full meaning. Your representatives who carry out your mandates welcome greater participation in elections as it gives them more assurance and feeling of the members involved.

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S. F. P. D. Credit Union

ELECTION RESULTS—In favor of changing to State chartered operation—1350 votes, against—32 votes.

Well, there it is. You members have spoken. By an overwhelming majority you have chosen to change to State chartered operation. Those members attending the annual meeting were advised of the final standing, incorporation papers have been filed with the State and the District Director, Bureau of Federal Credit Unions, has been advised of your decision. Shortly the Federal and State auditors will begin their review of our books and in all probability by this time next month we will be operating under our new name, the SF Police Credit Union.

As you may remember from the ballot information we sent you, certain changes effected by this change over are long term benefits. However, there are several immediate benefits which you can enjoy now. Under the new charter, unsecured (signature) loans may be granted up to \$500, rather than the \$400 now allowable. Savings may now be deposited up till the tenth of the month and still draw interest for the month. Previously deposits had to have been made before the first of the month. Starting next fall we will begin organizing our Christmas Club. Savings accounts up to \$1500 will now be protected from any form of attachment.

As an additional service of your credit union, statements have been sent to all members who paid interest on credit

Nominations of Assn. Officers, Directors, and Delegates for Year 1958-59.

In accordance with Article V, Section 4, of the Association's Constitution, nominations of officers, directors, and delegates for the year 1958-59 will be held on TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1958, at the regular monthly meeting at Dove Hall, 3543 Eighteenth Street, commencing at 8:00 p.m.

Nominations will be held for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt-at-Arms, delegate to the National Conference of Police Associations, and three delegates to the Peace Officers Research Assn. of California. In addition, each unit should be prepared to submit names of members of their unit who are desirous of running for Director. (Each unit is entitled to be represented by a Director and an Alternate Director).

Any active member in good standing is eligible to election to any office of the Association.

union loans during 1957. These statements list the total amount of interest you loan holders paid during the past year. This amount is deductible under the interest paid section of both the Federal and State income tax forms. These statements should be kept in your income tax file as a part of your tax records.

Your quarterly statements should be in the mail very shortly. These will include the amount of annual dividend paid on your savings. If the amount was small because your savings are nominal, don't you think it's about time you did yourself a favor and began a systematic savings plan through payroll deduction? As little as a pedro a payday can soon build up a handy rainy day fund.

For those of you who have been considering transferring funds you now have in some other type of savings institution, don't forget that all savings up to \$2000 now have double dollar life insurance value, plus the healthy four per cent annual dividend which we have always paid.

To insure yourself a Prosperous New Year, why not plan a more active participation in your credit union? A New Year's resolution to save money in 1958 can be easy if it's backed up by a payroll deduction card. Come in and see us. We'll be happy to show you how easy it is.

Vital Statistics

Promotions:

Anthony Trabucco to Insp. 12-1
Wm. Van Laak to Ass't. Insp. 12-1
Daniel Mahoney to Ass't. Insp. 12-16
Harrison Williams to Sgt. 12-13
Albert Birdsall, Jr. to Insp. 1-16
George Lacau to Ass't. Insp. 1-16.

Retirements:

James Hayes 12-1
John Duryea 12-1
Richard McKevitt 11-18
Mel Gottung 10-1
Dave Dobleman 1-6
Walter W. Brown 1-13

Deaths:

Rade Radacovich 12-19
Michael Darida 12-30

Resignations:

Kevin Visser 11-29
Jerry Breen 11-25
Fred Borchers 12-16
Richard Mulready 12-10
Francis McGovern 12-23
Charles Drews 1-1
Richard Craib 12-31

Minutes, Tues., Nov. 19, 1957, Membership Meeting

Minutes, Tuesday, November 19, 1957, Membership meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. by President Simpson.

ROLL CALL: Present—Pres. Simpson, 1st Vice Pres. Vogelsang, 2nd Vice Pres. Weiner, Secretary Hegarty, Treasurer Burke, Sgt.-at-arms McKee, Directors Amoroso (C), Cook (D), Raabe (G), Calhoun (I), Barberini (Fixed Post), Flynn Inspectors, Dijanich (Range), Green (Hdqt's.).

Excused: Williams (Motorcycles).

Absent—Directors Nieto (A), Sisser (B), Bell (E), Powers (F), Pulizzano (H), Buckman (APB), Conroy (Juvenile), Estupinian (City Prison), and Fowlie (Academy).

COMMUNICATIONS: (1) Ltr. 10-17-57, Gregory Stout, re financial support in Wiebe matter; (2) Ltr. 11-12-57, Judge Carl Allen, expressing thanks for invitation to Candidates' Night.

BILLS: Motion carried that all current bills be paid.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: At the Board of Directors' meeting permission was given the Legislative Committee to meet with Mr. Griffin of the Retirement Board towards finding out the cost of an actuarial survey of the Oakland Police Department's retirement system.

Chairman Dolan reported that it was the intention of the committee to contact the Municipal Conference (parent body of the downtown associations) immediately towards the submission of a charter amendment embodying a number of retirement changes.

In the discussion that followed it was pointed out that policemen were once ahead of firemen in working conditions. Now the picture is the opposite. Not only from the retirement standpoint but also in hours and wages. When the firemen had their work week reduced it provided them with a wage increase, i.e., their overtime and holiday pay based on a shorter work week exceeds that of ours.

The fact that firemen have improved their working conditions beyond ours poses another question—what effect does

this have on police recruiting in competition with that of firemen?

Not all monies collected for the campaign for Proposition "L" were expended. It was reported that \$6,000 had been collected against a maximum of some \$8600. The remaining monies, which will be reported on as soon as all lists of contributing members has been received at the Property Clerk's office, will be put into the campaign fund account for use in future legislative campaigns.

The question arose as to what action will be taken towards those who did not contribute will be taken up by the Campaign Committee as soon as all lists were in. Their recommendation in the matter to be submitted to the Board of Directors.

It was suggested that steps be taken towards having the 25-year pension placed on next year's ballot. No action was taken on this suggestion pending report by the Legislative Committee.

LONGEVITY: The motion of the Board of Directors that we go ahead towards securing the services of Mr. J. Joseph Sullivan to take the matter of longevity to court was tabled until next meeting at which time Chairman Dolan will have contacted the firemen and ascertained if they are of the same mind in securing Mr. Sullivan's services. (No action has been taken on the longevity issue the past few months at the request of the firemen because of the November election.) Mr. Sullivan's fee for taking the matter would be \$2500; if successful, another \$2500 to be added thereto, plus court costs. Half of this cost to be borne by the firemen.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE: Chairman Hegarty reported the committee was unable to make report because of illness in the family of one of the members. Will have report prior to the December 17th meeting.

BLOOD BANK COMMITTEE: Co-chairmen Vogelsang and Galousin reported 57 units on hand; plan to have another drive in January.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: Chairman Naughton (Northern) reported that he and Bros. Jeffery (APB) and Milem (Potrero) checked Treasurer Burke's books as directed and found all receipts and expenditures in order. They recommended that funds be made available for the purchase of a fire-proof file cabinet to provide for the safekeeping of the financial records of the Association. They have also suggested to Treasurer Burke regarding posting in several ledgers.

Motion carried that the Treasurer obtain suitable file cabinet.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Treasurer Burke reported paid-up membership of 1445; 76 members under payroll

deductions have not made up the difference of \$2.65. Treasurer Burke suggested that the directors collecting dues turn them in as soon as received instead of holding up pending payment by other members. Membership Chairman Vogelsang reported that he will confer with Treasurer Burke between now and the next meeting to work out a method to have the members pay up their dues.

ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICEMEN: President Simpson advised that he had appointed Bros. Robert McKee (Fixed Post), Peter Gardner (Motorcycles), and Louis Barberini (Fixed Post), as the committee to meet with the Chief of Police on the subject matter. Committee to have report of conference for the next Board of Directors' meeting.

DEPARTMENT CREDIT UNION: Bro. Diggins reported that within the next week or so each member of the union will receive a ballot in the mail relative to changing the charter of the union from Federal to State. An explanation of the benefits to be derived under the State over the Federal charter will likewise be explained.

CIVIL SUIT AGAINST OTTO KRUGER, ET AL.: Motion carried that \$9000 be expended from the monies of the campaign fund to settle out of court a civil suit brought against Sergeant Otto Kruger and seven others (Capt. D. McKlem, Sgts. W. Cunneane, P. Gannon, Officers L. Estupinian, T. Slettvedt, J. Horton, and J. Flaherty) for \$50,000 in connection with a criminal arrest made on August 15, 1954; the campaign fund to be reimbursed by department-wide voluntary contribution of \$1.00 per man on December 1, 1957. All monies collected over the \$900 to go to the campaign fund for use in future legislative campaigns.

Secretary Hegarty and Bro. Ted Dolan made an investigation on the background of the suit. They recommended the matter be settled out of court for \$900.

RETIREMENT COMMITTEE: Chairman Dolan reported at the Board of Directors' meeting that he has successfully cleared up 33 cases since he took over the assignment of representing Association members in their petitions before the Retirement Board. He also reported that the \$35 per month allowed him for expenses is not adequate to cover all his expenses in investigating and preparing for hearing all retirement cases being handled by him. It was recommended that he, the Secretary and Treasurer, be recommended for increases as all three have had their duties increased. Secretary Hegarty requested that these matters be tabled until the Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee made their report.

HALL COMMITTEE: The Board of Directors recommended that the matter of attempting to locate another meeting hall be tabled as investigation disclosed that in the canvass made to date it was

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THE BEACH**
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Minutes, Tues., Dec. 17, 1957, Membership Meeting

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found that most halls were inadequate and charging practically the same rent as we were now paying.

PENSION CHANGE: Motion that there be placed on the ballot for the election of officers of this Association in February, 1958, a proposal to ascertain the pleasure of the membership towards seeking a 25-year pension. The motion was tabled until the next meeting, at which time the Legislative Committee will report on their action of seeking the cost of an actuarial survey based on the Oakland Police Department's retirement plan.

WEIBE CASE: Motion carried that the second installment of \$350 for the Weibe case be paid upon receipt of a proper bill.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR PERSONNEL OF WARD ONE, SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITAL, AND DOVRE HALL SUPERINTENDENT: Motion carried that we give the usual annual Christmas presents.

GYM & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES: Treasurer Burke reported that the use of the old YMI Hall at 50 Oak Street with all its facilities could probably be obtained for the use of the members of the Police and Fire Departments. He briefly outlined what the facilities consisted of.

Motion carried that a committee be formed to look into the matter and report back to the next meeting of this Association and be in a position to answer all questions. Bros. S. Weiner, S. Scheld, T. Combis, and C. Vogelsang appointed as committee, by Pres. Simpson.

BURIAL COSTS: It was suggested to the membership that they give consideration towards entering into an agreement with one of the local mortuaries for the burial of their dead. It was pointed out that many labor organizations have such an agreement, which reduces the costs of burials.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. after a moment's silence in honor of our departed brothers Jack Bigelow and Art Oliva.

Minutes, Tuesday, December 17, 1957, Membership meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by 1st Vice Pres. Vogelsang.

ROLL CALL: Present—1st Vice Pres. Vogelsang, 2nd Vice Pres. Weiner, Sec-

retary Hegarty, Treasurer Burke, Sgt.-at-arms McKee, Directors Cook (D), Raabe (G), Buckman (APB), Williams (Motorcycles), Barberini (Fixed Post), Flynn (Inspectors), Dijanich (Range), and Green (Headquarters).

Excused—Pres. Simpson (sick), Director Bell (E) (vacation).

Absent—Directors Nieto (A), Sisser (B), Amoroso (C), Powers (F), Pulizano (H), Conroy (Juvenile), Estupinian City Prison, and Fowlie (Academy).

MINUTES: The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read.

BILLS: Motion carried that all current bills be paid.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Burke rendered the monthly financial report.

CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY COMMITTEE: Chairman Jeffery (APB) reported that the approximate cost of the party was \$1385.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Treasurer Burke reported 1517 paid-up members. Chairman Vogelsang reported that he is sending a reminder to each delinquent member. If no response by the January membership meeting will compile a delinquent list. If not paid by February meeting will be advised of delinquent status.

BLOOD BANK COMMITTEE: Co-chairman Galousin reported 40 units on hand; drive in January. 300 units used up by members in a year's time.

LONGEVITY: Progress. Awaiting outcome of department-wide election.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE: The recommendations of the committee, those concurred in and others changed by the Board of Directors, were presented to the membership. The question on what to do about members who did not meet the Association's assessments was heatedly discussed. Some wanted to withdraw the membership card of those who were delinquent for a year; others wanted a six months' limitation with permanent withdrawal of membership card of assessments were not met. Inasmuch as the membership could not get together on the matter, it was referred back to the Board of Directors for preparation of proper language and re-submission at the January membership meeting.

EXTENSION OF 4/12 & 12/8 WATCHES COMMITTEE: Bro. Weiner (Park)

reported that the members of the stations ONLY will be polled. As soon as this poll is completed the committee will make its recommendations.

NEWSPAPER: Editor Gardner (Motorcycles) reported no issue was put out last month as there wasn't sufficient news to complete an issue.

CREDIT UNION COMMITTEE: Bro. Diggins (Motorcycles) reported that the union's membership voted quite favorably on the switching to the State charter. The vote tabulated to date shows 1040 for the transfer with 26 against. 2/3 of the membership of the union, or 1175 votes, are required to make the change. Another ballot will be sent to those who did not vote.

SICK COMMITTEE: Chairman Weiner reported Bros. R. West, V. Mazzaferri, A. Tantarelli, D. Haskell, and V. Simpson are on the sick list.

REHABILITATION COMMITTEE: Bro. Vogelsang reported the committee is conducting a survey of what other police departments in the state do with regards to men who have used up their sick time.

ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS COMMITTEE: Bro. Gardner advised report will be ready for next meeting.

GYM & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE: Treasurer Burke reported progress.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RULING ON JOB ABSENCES: Information was furnished that under a ruling by the State Attorney General the District Attorney can be absent five (5) days from the state without acquiring the approval of the Board of Supervisors. This authority based on the State Civil Code.

TURKEY AWARDS: The following were recipients of turkey orders in the amount of \$8 each as per the usual holiday custom:

Members present at meeting: G. Simonetti, K. Foss, J. Dolan, S. Buckman, R. Bertelsen, F. Dunphy, and J. Green.

Absent members: A. Weatherman, E. Schenck, W. Nyhan, W. Van Dehey, and Don Murphy.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. after a moment's silence in honor of our departed brothers.

REFRESHMENTS: Chairman R. Bertelsen (Taraval) and his committee served refreshments after the meeting.

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