



## September 2007

# MEA NEWSLETTER

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### **SAVE THE DATE: 2007 RETIREE DINNER WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17 at 5:30pm**

Where: Green Room of the War Memorial Building, 401 Van Ness at McAllister  
Cost: Retirees free, guests and active members \$25.00 each  
Guest: Clare Murphy, Executive Director CCSF Employees' Retirement System  
RSVP: [staff@sfmea.com](mailto:staff@sfmea.com) or 415-989-7244 by October 12

### **PAC/MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT**

At its annual PAC meeting preceding the 07-08 First Quarter Membership Meeting, the members present considered candidates and propositions set to appear on the November 6, 2007 ballot and made the following recommendations:

Mayor:	No Endorsement
Sheriff:	Michael Hennessey
District Attorney:	Kamala Harris
Proposition A:	Yes
(Transit Reform, Parking Regulations and Emissions Control)	
Proposition D:	Yes
(Library Preservation Fund)	
Proposition J:	Yes
(Free City-Wide Internet Access)	

The meeting followed established protocol with brief remarks followed by audience Q&A. Appearing were Mayoral candidates Quintin Mecke and Lonnie Holmes, candidates for Sheriff Michael Hennessey and Dave Wong, and Kamala Harris who is running unopposed for District Attorney.

In addition, there were "pro" presentations on Propositions A and D and both the "pro" and "con" sides were represented on Proposition J. Opponents of Proposition A, while invited, did not appear. It is important to note that MEA issued an invitation to the Mayor through both his staff and his campaign although the Mayor has stated he was not made aware of the event.

After all presentations, ballots were distributed, cast and collected. No recommendations were made by any of the officers or staff present. Even so, the prevailing view among members was that for MEA to issue an endorsement in light of the Mayor's blanket call for resignations and failure to appear at the meeting would permanently undermine the unions' credibility and integrity. Of course, standing up in a politically charged atmosphere involves risk - especially in light of the predetermined outcome - but apparently for the members who were present at the

meeting, and the many others who have since expressed their support, having MEA take a principled stand on their behalf was the right thing to do.

**MEA 2006-2007 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT**

(As presented at the General Membership Meeting of September 19, 2007)

Category	06-07 Actual	06-07 Budget	% of Budgeted	Notes
Income:	\$345,758	\$360,750	95.84%	Reduction in SFHA
Expenses:	\$300,654	\$398,106	75.52%	Meeting and Legal Savings
Summary				
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$45,104	(\$37,356)		Projected Deficit Avoided

**MEA EQUIPMENT PROGRAM**

As of September 25 we have received nearly 150 requests for equipment purchases under this new program implemented July 1, 2007. To date, we have processed over \$35,000 in reimbursement requests. At the end of the year (12/31/07) we will cease accepting applications in order to analyze the Fund’s allocated and remaining resources. Upon the conclusion of that analysis, we will announce whether more funds are available in FY 2007-2008.

**MEA CALANDAR**

GASB: Wednesday, October 3 and Thursday, November 1  
 CCSF B&C Adjustment Committee: Thursday, October 18  
 MTA B&C Adjustment Committee: Thursday, October 25 (tentative)  
 COURTS: Contract Set to Expire 12/31/07

**LSF COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2007**

Join Leadership San Francisco on the field at AT&T Park, home of the 2007 All-Star Game for a fun-filled evening of baseball activities, great food, cocktails, live entertainment and special SF Giants excitement. Look for an invitation in the mail or contact LSF through their website at [www.leadershipsf.org](http://www.leadershipsf.org) or phone 415-352-8826. Since 2005, MEA has funded two scholarships for MEA members admitted to the LSF program. This partnership is one example of MEA’s ongoing commitment to excellence and integrity in service to the people of San Francisco.

**UPCOMING IMS SEMINARS**

- Tuesday, October 2, 9am-4pm: Shedding Old Paradigms to Make Room for New Possibilities
- Tuesday, October 16, 9am-4pm: Dealing with Difficult People: Bringing out the Best in Others, Even at Their Worst

Call or email the MEA office to sign up.

<b>MEA Board:</b>	Mary Fitzpatrick, Treas	Sharyn Saslafsky	<b>Staff:</b>
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