**83rd ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

May 1, 2019

The 83rd Annual Credit Union Membership Meeting was called to order by Chairman Herman Johnson at 6:05 PM at the Bond Street Café, Merck & Co., Rahway, New Jersey, on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

Board Members Present: Lisa Auerbach, Douglas Christie, James Czarnatowicz, Jeffrey Hack, Herman Johnson, Charles Orgelfinger and Bernard Wisniewski

Director Emeritus: Jerry Hill

Board Members Excused: Raffalle Karby and Patrick Ruane

Others Attending: Ronald Coleman, Linda George, Andrea Krysienski, Lorraine McLeod and Linda Tuma, Supervisory Committee, Paul Gentile, President

After establishing that a quorum was present, Chairman Johnson led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Pattianne McNamara-Tomaio sang “The Star Spangled Banner”. Chairman Johnson also acknowledged Dennis Nanton who played the piano for the membership prior to the meeting. A moment of silence was observed for our departed members.

Chairman Johnson introduced the members of the Board of Directors, Supervisory Committee and our honored guests – Mrs. Caroline Litchfield, Senior Vice President, Treasury at Merck, Paul Gentile, the Credit Union’s President, Peter Liska, the Credit Union’s attorney, Gary Tantleff, UBS, Michael Reilly, CEO, Central Jersey Federal Credit Union, Micheline Marshall, Board Treasurer, MSD Federal Credit Union, Thomas Eisenberger, Board Chairman, MSD Federal Credit Union and Raymond Del Nero, former CEO, Merck Employees Federal Credit Union.

Chairman Johnson called upon Mr. Wisniewski to introduce our guest speaker, Mrs. Caroline Litchfield, Senior Vice President, Treasury. Mrs. Litchfield started off by saying when she was new to the United States the credit union helped her with her financial needs. She comments that the credit union is number 1 or 2 in the country in a number of metrics. She then discussed the biggest investment that Merck is doing which is in cancer research especially Keytruda. It is approved in 18 indications across 11 different tumor types and more than 200,000 patients have used it. There are other products for cancer Merck is working on which includes Lynparz with AstraZeneca for ovarian and breast cancers and Lenvima with Eisai for thyroid, renal cell and hepatocellular cancers. Vaccines are another area that Merck has engaged in. In the pipeline they are working on pneumococcal disease, RSV, CMV, dengue and Ebola vaccines. Merck continues to work on a treatment for Alzheimer’s Disease. Animal Health is another business which Merck is engaged in. Bravecto is an oral medicine to ward off fleas and ticks up to 12 weeks. Mrs. Litchfield concluded that Merck will remain steadfast in following the science in discovering transformative medicines and vaccines.

Chairman Johnson presented the Chairman’s Report. Chairman Johnson reported that after 44 years, Raymond Del Nero retired as CEO of the Credit Union. His replacement is Paul Gentile who has been involved with the credit union movement for 21 years. He went on to thank our sponsor, Merck, for all their support especially in the HR and Technology areas. The average share balance is over $66,000 per member which indicates that our membership has confidence with the credit union. Chairman Johnson also thanked the dedicated staff and the volunteers who deliver the services that members demand. He concluded with stats that shows the credit union’s performance over the year. The credit union is #1 in Assets per full time employee, Revenue per full time employee, Dividend Payout ratio to members and Investments to total assets and #2 in Average share balance per member.

Chairman Johnson called upon Mr. Gentile to give the President’s Report. Mr. Gentile talked about the tremendous value the membership is and that it ranks as a leader nationally for return to member in form of better rates and low fees. In 2018 the dividend payout ratio was 66%, which was #1 in the nation. Most credit unions rely on fee income which is about 1/3 of their earnings but our income is based on our investment portfolio, loan portfolio and fee income. Our fee income is about 1% of our earnings. The credit union is well capitalized at 12.08%. Mr. Gentile went out to discuss the tradition of paying a very strong dividend. Today the dividend rate is at 1.875%. He also reported that we started a special mortgage program by taking a quarter point off of the rate and reducing some of the fees associated with mortgages. In concluding he talked about technology, how important it has become and where we are today.

Chairman Johnson called upon Mrs. Auerbach to present the Nomination Committee report. Mrs. Auerbach reported that Douglas Christie, Jeffrey Hack and Bernard Wisniewski have been elected by acclamation to 3-year terms on the Board of Directors.

Chairman Johnson called upon Mrs. Auerbach to read the minutes from the 82nd Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bill Sidun to dispense with the reading of the Minutes and approve them as properly recorded seconded and carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bill Sidun to dispense the reading of the Treasurer’s and Supervisory Committee Reports that are in the Credit Union Annual Report seconded and carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM seconded/carried.

Chairman Johnson turned the meeting over to Mr. Orgelfinger for the presentation of the door prizes.

Bill Sidun won the grand prize of a $1,500 travel voucher. The door prize winners were as follows:

$50 gift card – Outback Michele Gersten

$50 gift card – Home Depot Edward Shrubsall

$50 gift card – Macy’s Santeep Amin

$50 gift card – Dick’s Sporting Goods Mary Ann Cobleigh

$50 gift card – Cheesecake Factory Barbara Christie

$50 gift card – Kohl’s Grace Bowie

$50 gift card – Bed Bath & Beyond Betty Roman

$50 gift card – Old Navy Marge Maslowski

$50 gift card – GoPlay Golf Carol Reminger

$50 gift card d- Lowe’s Scott Gerba

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 Herman Johnson, Chairman Lisa Auerbach, Secretary

Minutes recorded by Ginnie Whittington