



AMCRE

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED
EMPLOYEES

Post Office Box 903 • Ukiah, CA 95482

FRIENDSHIP • UNITY • STRENGTH • GROWTH

Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Tom Ingram

VICE-PRESIDENT

Anita Toste

SECRETARY

Cyndi Montesonti

TREASURER

Cyndie Richardson

C.R.C.E.A. DELEGATE

Jill Martin

DIRECTORS

3-year

Tom Desroches

Dorinda Kay Miller

2-year

Russell McCutcheon

Donna Glass

1-year

Juanie Cranmer

Ron Parker

NON-ELECTED

POSITIONS

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Cyndi Montesonti

Marilyn Heath

Tom Ingram

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dorinda Kay Miller

THE CONNECTION:

CO-EDITORS ~

Cyndi Montesonti

Dorinda Kay Miller

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Donna Glass

Web Master

Resptech

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2023 Noon

SLAM DUNK PIZZA, Ukiah, CA 95482

1. Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. by President Tommy Ingram.
Roll call taken: **Present:** Tommy Ingram, Anita Toste, Cyndi Montesonti, Cyndie Richardson, Dorinda Kay Miller, Ron Parker, Russell McCutcheon, Juanie Cranmer came late. **Absent** Board Members: Jill Noel Martin, Tommy Deroches and Donna Glass.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Vice-President Anita Toste moved to approve the Minutes from the November 14, 2022 Board of Directors' Meeting and December 13, 2022 General Membership Meeting. Ron Parker Seconded. **PASSED.**
3. **REPORTS:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report:** Cyndie Richardson reported that we have an ending balance at the end of December 2022 of \$3,236.59. This was after the Broiler was paid and all expenses related to putting out the newsletter paid. In November 2022, the ending balance was \$6,549.48. Cyndie discussed the high cost of putting out the newsletter. She said the prices went up for Creative Workshop. She said we are getting a bill from RespecTech each time we have things that needs to be on web page. Discussion of receiving and sending all newsletters via email with a hyperlink on the MCERA website as well that would get retirees to our website. Discussion of sending out letter to retirees saying newsletter will go via email unless they fill out a form that will be on that letter. Anita Toste moved we accept the November and December 2022 Treasurer's reports. Ron Parker seconded. **PASSED.**
 - b. **Membership:** Dorinda Kay Miller reported we have 1024 members.
 - c. **Scholarship:** Cyndi Montesonti reported payouts of two scholarships. Details for applying for the 2023/2024 scholarships are on the website, in this newsletter and will be in the next newsletter as well. All recipients have been notified of the new reimbursement date changes. It is also on the web page.
 - d. **CRCEA:** Jill Noel Martin absent. Report in newsletter. Jill mentioned to Dorinda Miller that our website is too difficult to manage due to its written in code. Russell McCutcheon and Ron Parker discussed various softwares and will connect Jill. They might be able to work on the website.
4. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - a. **General Meeting 2/13/2023:** Anita Toste brought up details of February 13, 2023 General Membership Meeting at the Sheriff's Training Center. Sheriff Kendall will host it and will discuss senior scams, fraud and fraud in Mendocino County. He will cook hamburgers, hotdogs, salad, drink, and said AMCRE would need to split costs. Tommy Ingram will contact the Sheriff and let him know he has paper products and condiments he can bring. Cyndi Montesonti brought up

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that all counties are charging for General Membership Meetings and RSVPs are needed. Dorinda Kay Miller moved AMCRE pay half of the costs for the lunch at the Sheriff's Training Center on Monday February 13, 2023, and in the future look for other public places to have General Membership Meetings and charge the retirees for the food that is serviced. Cyndi Montesonti seconded. **PASSED.**

- b. **The Connection:** Dorinda Kay Miller brought up the high costs of sending out the newsletter and suggested it completely go via email unless the retiree fills out the form to request hard copies. This would cut costs drastically. Cyndi Montesonti reported that the hard copies of the current newsletter went out today. Anita Toste moved we accept discussion of sending out newsletters via email and place on the website and if a retiree needs a hard copy via mail, they need to fill out a form and send to our P.O. Box. Ron Parker seconded. **PASSED.** Dorinda and Cyndi will aim to get the newsletter out the beginning of the month it is supposed to be sent. A letter will be sent out ASAP and also put on our website that states: **DUE TO THE RISING COSTS OF PRINTING AND MAILING THE CONNECTION NEWSLETTER, ALL NEWSLETTERS WILL GO OUT VIA EMAIL AND ALSO BE PUT ON THE WEB PAGE. A HARD COPY WILL BE SENT ONLY TO PEOPLE THAT FILL OUT THE FORM IN THIS LETTER AND RETURN IT TO AMCRE POST OFFICE BOX EFFECTIVE ON THE NEXT NEWSLETTER TO GO OUT IN APRIL 2023. THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY MARCH 20, 2023 TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.**
- c. **Ron Parker:** Discussion of Letter of Support from AMCRE Board of Directors. Withdrawn by Ron Parker.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Reservations:** Cyndi Montesonti said she would like to find someone that would book the place and take reservations for future General Membership Meeting events and work with the restaurant on menu, if applicable. Money must be paid in advance and Cyndie Richardson will collect it. Anita will handle the February General Membership Meeting. Cyndi Montesonti will talk to Donna Glass and see if she can help. Juanie Cranmer moved retirees must RSVP for all future General Membership Meeting events with a charge of \$15.00 per person. Anita Toste seconded. **PASSED.**
- b. **Web Page and Software:** Russell McCutcheon and Ron Parker will connect with Jill Noel Martin and discuss this issue to see if Russell can take over web page and discuss software.
- c. **Minutes:** Discussion of omitting minutes from the newsletter due to space. The minutes will be posted on the web. Dorinda Kay Miller moved the Secretary cuts the minutes down and just put motions in them. Anita Toste seconded. **PASSED.**

6. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI
Secretary

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