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ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES Post Office Box 903 • Ukish, CA 95482 FRIENDSHIP • UNITY • STRENGTH • GROWTH

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PRESIDENT Tom Ingram

VICE-PRESIDENT Anita Toste

SECRETARY Cyndi Montesonti

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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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2023 Noon SHERIFF'S TRAINING CENTER, Ukiah, CA 95482

- CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti took roll call. PRESENT: President-Tommy Ingram, Vice-President-Anita Toste, Secretary-Cyndi Montesonti, Tommy Deroches, Juanie Cranmer and Donna Glass. ABSENT: Treasurer-Cyndie Richardson, Dorinda Kay Miller, Ron Parker, Jill Noel Martin and Russell McCutcheon. AMCRE members present introduced themselves. Sheriff Matt Kendall was introduced as our host and BBQ person along with Tommy Ingram. Former Sheriff Tom Allman was welcomed in attendance.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: President Tommy Ingram called on Tommy Deroches to lead.
- **3.** WELCOME: President Tommy Ingram welcomed everybody and Sheriff Matt Kendall was thanked for hosting. Sheriff Kendall and Tommy Ingram did the cooking and both were thanked as well.
- 4. TREASURER'S REPORT: Secretary Cyndi Montesonti discussed the Treasurer's Report submitted and explained to the membership why the treasury was so low due to the increase in prices for Creative Workshop, Express It and RespecTech who is needed to manage our web page, and two payouts of scholarships. The current balance in the treasury is \$291.44 for January 2023. Most bills were paid; however, certain bills that just came into the P.O. Box will wait until AMCRE receives the next check from the County. Discussion took place about raising Membership Dues from \$1.00 per month per retiree to \$2 or \$3 per retiree per month. Discussion on this issue will be voted on at the April 10, 2023 Board Meeting.
- 5. MEMBERSHIP: President Tommy Ingram reported we have 1118 members.
- 6. SPEAKER: Sheriff Matt Kendall discussed Identity Theft and Scams in Mendocino County and in general. He discussed how important it is to protect your credit cards and never give out your Social Security Card., Others talked about using the number on your Medicare card if a hospital or doctor's office insists on seeing your Social Security Card., Sheriff also talked about how you can download a Post Office App that you scan and it will state what first class mail you should have received for the day.

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- 7. DISCUSSION OF CANCELATION OF A GENERAL MEETING: Cyndi Montesonti reported that many counties have increased retiree dues and also canceled one or two general meetings to help save Association costs. In our last newsletter, we mentioned that we will be charging in the future \$15.00 for General Meeting lunches to help defray costs. Food in restaurants is quite expensive. Tom Allman moved we cancel the May lunch General Meeting, and in the future, only have three general meetings. Karen Hart seconded. More discussion. It was agreed to table this discussion when all Board members are present at the April 10, 2023 Board meeting.
- 8. INCREASE IN DUES: Juanie Cranmer moved that we increase the Association Dues from \$1.00 per month per retiree to \$2.00 per month per retiree (\$24.00 per year dues). Anita Toste seconded. PASSED. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti realized there was no effective date put in this motion. Details will need to be discussed at our April 10, 2023 meeting and Secretary Cyndi Montesonti will talk to Doris and Judy at the Retirement Office.
- **9. RAFFLE WINNERS:** Rick Iversen \$20.00, Tommy Deroches \$10.00 (donated back to Scholarship Fund), Karen Hart \$10.00 donated to our Treasury, Marilyn Edwards \$10.00 (donated to Scholarship Fund) Thank you all.
- **10. MEETINGS:** The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, April 10, 2023 at Slam Dunk Pizza. The next scheduled General Meeting (if not canceled) will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at Slam Dunk Pizza. Speaker to be announced.
- **11. MCERA:** It was brought to our attention that there was an article in the last MCERA newsletter regarding items the Retirement Office would like us to bring in. It updates your file should your spouse/partner pass away and the Retirement Office has most items they would need. Call them if you have questions, but bring in your Birth Certificate, Marriage License and CA Real ID.

A big shout out thank you to Sheriff Matt Kendall and President Tommy Ingram for BBQing and providing lunch to all.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI Secretary

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