



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

Sharon Wedegaertner

C.R.C.E.A. DELEGATE

Tom Ingram

DIRECTORS

3-year

Vacant

Dorinda Kay Miller

2-year

Russell McCutcheon

Donna Glass

1-year

Brian Miller

Jesus Moreno

NON-ELECTED POSITIONS

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Cyndi Montesonti

Tom Ingram

Sharon Wedegaertner

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Dorinda Kay Miller

THE CONNECTION:

CO-EDITORS ~

Cyndi Montesonti

Dorinda Kay Miller

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Donna Glass

WEB MASTER

RespecTech Inc

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 12, 2025 Noon

Slam Dunk Pizza N. State St Ukiah, CA

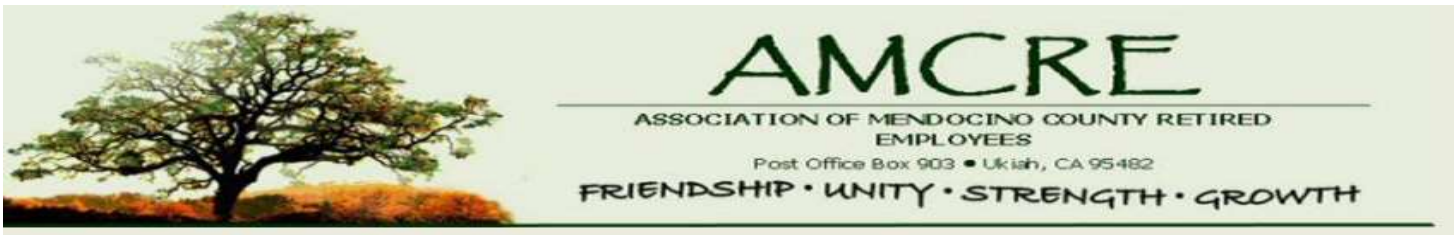
1. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Tom Ingram called the meeting to order at noon.
2. **ROLL CALL** – PRESENT: Tom Ingram, Anita Toste, Cyndi Montesonti, Sharon Wedegaertner, Dorinda Miller, Russell McCutcheon, Brian Miller and Jesus Moreno. ABSENT: Donna Glass, Tom Deroches. Introductions of all in attendance.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **WELCOME** – President Tom Ingram welcomed members in attendance and we all enjoyed Slam Dunk Pizza salad and pizza bar.
5. **No speaker** – meeting began.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dorinda Miller moves we accept the 2/10/2025 Board of Directors' Minutes. Brian Miller seconded. **PASSED.**
7. **REPORTS –**
 - a. **Insurance Plans** – Vice President Anita Toste talked about the optical and dental plans from Pacific Group and said they pay out very well. Reduced rates. She said Paul McNerlin/Agent helps with the secondary insurance. Anita will try and see if Paul McNerlin can show up as the speaker for the summer picnic and do a short discussion of plans and open enrollment in the fall.
 - b. President Tom Ingram told members to be careful of the FasTrac scam that is happening in California. FasTrac does not text or email. They withdraw from your account you set up with them. If someone calls or texts and says pay an amount – DON'T.
 - c. **Treasurer's Report:** Sharon Wedegaertner reported out for the April 2025 financial report we have \$23,427.47. She also has been researching money

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market accounts to see if we could get better interest than the Savings Bank offers us. Anita will contact Todd at the Redwood Credit Union to see what he might offer us in terms of a money market interest account or better interest with a free checking account. Cyndi Montesonti moves we ask the Savings Bank for a free checking account with interest. Sharon will look into it. Dorinda Miller seconded. **PASSED.** Tom Ingram will go with Anita and Sharon when they check into these accounts for a free checking account with better interest.

- d. **Membership:** Dorinda Miller reported that there are 1034 members. 305 get the newsletter mailed to them. The rest receive by email. Dorinda reminded everyone when you move and have new contacts to advise AMCRE Membership and the

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Retirement Office so you keep receiving information. Dorinda said that out of that membership, 569 retirees are still paying \$1.00. She explained why we can't automatically charge them. Signatures are required by MCERA.

- e. **Scholarship:** Cyndi Montesonti/Scholarship Chair reported out that to date we have not received any Scholarship applications and the deadline is 5/31/2025. Cyndi reminded the membership if they have high school age grandchildren or college bound grandchildren or already in college to remind them to apply. Discussion to add another scholarship and extending the date under New Business. She reminded everyone to read the Scholarship directions.
- f. **CRCEA:** President Tom Ingram brought the members up to date on CRCEA. Tom did not attend the last conference. He discussed future ones.
- g. **Web Page Changes:** Dorinda discussed everything sent to RESPECTECH that was submitted. President Tom Ingram will contact CRCEA Webmaster and Tom and Russell can help develop a website that we maintain.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

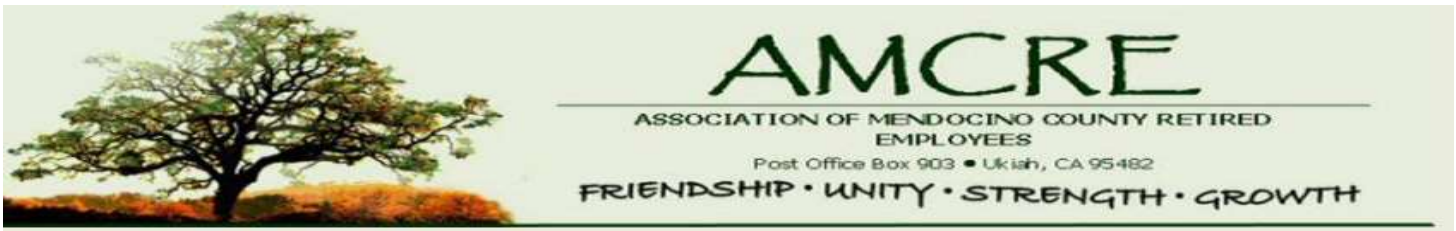
- a. **2027 CRCEA Conference:** President Tom Ingram discussed under the CRCEA report, but Sonoma County wanted Mendocino County to help plan it. We know that the retirees attending the conference will stay in Sonoma County. We are not sure how much we want to help. To be discussed at a later date again.
- b. **Newsletter prep:** The next one goes out in early July. We still need the more than 500 members to pay \$2.00 per month. People encouraged to submit articles to the newsletter. Tom Ingram will write an article in next issue regarding getting the over 500 members to sign the form to increase dues to \$2.00 per month. Tom will respond to emails received regarding paying the \$2.00 per month. There is no reducing back to \$1.00 dues per month. They can quit if they want to, but will not receive all retiree perks. Rosealie may also write an article regarding paying the increased dues. Cyndi will contact her.

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- c. **Destruction of Records:** Jesus Moreno and Donna Glass went through all the records and destroyed bunches. Dorinda has plenty to scan from what was kept.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Resignation of Tom Deroches:** Anita Toste moved we accept his resignation. President Tom Ingram thanked him on behalf of AMCRE Board for his long term service on the Board. Tom Ingram seconded. **PASSED.**
- b. **Resignation of Marilyn Heath off the Scholarship Committee:** Cyndi Montesonti thanked Marilyn for her long term serving on the Scholarship Committee and the use of her home for the meetings. Cyndi moved we accept her resignation. Dorinda Kay Miller seconded. **PASSED.**
- c. **AMCRE PAYS GENERAL MEETING MEALS OF ATTENDEES:** Discussion of AMCRE paying the meals for the attendees of General Meetings and Holiday party and/or offer a 3rd scholarship. Brian Miller moves we pay

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the meals for attendees and offer a possible 3rd scholarship. Motion failed no second. Dorinda Kay Miller wants to amend the motion to include payment for the May lunch and August picnic of attendees and table discussion of the possible payment of attendees for the holiday dinner and a third scholarship until the June 9, 2025 Board meeting. Tom Ingram seconded. More discussion. **PASSED.** The payment of the holiday dinner of attendees and a possible third scholarship and raising the amount will be brought to the June 9, 2025 Board Meeting.

- d. **Summer BBQ:** This will be a picnic at Tim and Claire Marsh's home. However, at the typing of the minutes, Tim Marsh will be unavailable. We will discuss at June 9, 2025 Board Meeting.
- e. **Recruiting Another Board Member:** President Tom Ingram is looking for one. Any suggestions let him and/or Cyndi Montesonti know.
- f. **Elections for 2026:** Special Board Meeting will be held Monday, October 13, 2025 to name a Slate of Officers. Advise President and Secretary if interested in holding a position or continuing on in your position.
- g. **Announcements or any other business:** President Tom Ingram.
- h. **Raffle winners:** \$10.00 Anita Toste, Ernie Nagel (donated back to Scholarship Fund), \$10.00 Dorinda Miller, \$20.00 Jesus Moreno (donated back to Scholarship Fund). Thank you all.

10. Adjourn: 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI

Secretary

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