

AMCRE

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED EMPLOYEES

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Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Tom Ingram

VICE-PRESIDENT

Anita Toste

SECRETARY

Cyndi Montesonti

TREASURER

Cyndie Richardson

C.R.C.E.A. DELEGATE

Tom Ingram

DIRECTORS

3-year

Tom Desroches
Dorinda Kay Miller

2-year

Russell McCutcheon

Donna Glass

1-year

Juanie Cranmer

Vacant

NON-ELECTED POSITIONS

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Cyndi Montesonti Marilyn Heath

Tom Ingram

MEMBERSHIP **C**OMMITTEE

Dorinda Kay Miller

THE CONNECTION:

CO-EDITORS ~

Cyndi Montesonti

Dorinda Kay Miller

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Donna Glass

WEB MASTER

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2023 Noon SLAM DUNK PIZZA

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 11:33 p.m. by President Tom Ingram.

Roll call taken: **Present**: Tommy Ingram, Anita Toste, Cyndi Montesonti, Cyndie Richardson, Dorinda Kay Miller, Tommy Deroches, Donna Glass, Juanie Cranmer **Absent**: Ron Parker, Russell McCutcheon. **Guests:** Gaylene Desroches.

2. APPROVAL

MINUTES: Dorinda Kay Miller moved to approve the Minutes from the April 10, 2023, Board of Directors' Meeting. Cyndie Richardson seconded.

OF

PASSED.

3. REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report: Cyndie Richardson reported at the end of March 2023, there was \$733.01 in the treasury. At the end of April 2023 with our most recent deposit of \$1013.00, we now have \$1743.15 in the Treasury. Savings Bank statement is not in for April. Cyndie will distribute it when she gets it. She also paid the P.O. Box for one

year. Anita discussed some questions she had. Cyndi Montesonti moved we accept the March and April 2023 Treasurer's Report. Dorinda Kay Miller seconded. **PASSED**.

Membership: Dorinda Kay Miller reported we have 1021 members.

Scholarships: Due to not enough funds in the Treasury, President Tom Ingram moved we suspend scholarships for one year to build up the Scholarship account. Anita Toste seconded. After much discussion of the pros and cons of doing this. Motion **PASSED.** Secretary Cyndi Montesonti will notify Marilyn Heath and write an article for the newsletter.

- **4. CRCEA REPORT/RETIREMENT MEETING REPORT**: President Tom Ingram accepted Jill Noel Martin and Ron Parker's resignation. Dorinda Kay Miller moved we have President Tommy Ingram be our CRCEA Representative and also our President and accept the two resignations. Cyndie Richardson seconded. **PASSED.**
- 5. INCREASE IN AMCRE DUES: Effective immediately for all new retirees, the dues to join AMCRE will be \$2.00 per month. This was passed and adopted at our April 10, 2023, Board Meeting. In the next newsletter going out, current retirees will have a form to sign and return it to **Employees** Mendocino County Retirement Association's office agreeing to pay the \$2.00 increase per month. Anita discussed marketing with that office and promoting AMCRE. Anita also discussed changes we will need to make in our bylaws reflecting all our votes. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti moved we form a Bylaws Committee and bring back to the next Board meeting showing strike outs and underlines and giving Board members a clean copy as well. Tommy Deroches seconded. **PASSED.** Committee will consist of Dorinda Kay Miller, Anita Toste and Juanie Cranmer.

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- **6. OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion of Anita Toste's minutes from the April 10, 2023, Board of Directors' Meeting.
 - **a.** President Tom Ingram purposed looking into getting either a high school or college volunteer to assist with the computer project that Ron Parker and Russell McCutcheon are working on, Tom to follow-up with us at a future Board of Directors' Meeting. Juanie suggested checking at the college IT Program.
 - **b.** Treasurer Cyndie Richardson moved to have the Board of Directors' Meetings in April, July, October (special meeting for elections) and November. Dorinda Kay Miller seconded. **PASSED**. Vice-President Anita Toste moved we have two General Membership Meetings per year, in August and December. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti seconded. **PASSED**.
 - **c.** President Tom Ingram moved to have the Treasurer and the President be the only ones assigned to signing checks unless otherwise authorized. Cyndie Richardson seconded. **PASSED.**
 - **d.** Dorinda Miller suggests modifying *The Connection* by taking out the minutes, removing the contact information and adjusting how the Board of Directors' members names appear in the newsletter; this would help us to cut publishing costs. Dorinda Kay Miller discussed ways of reducing the newsletter. Secretary and Co-Editor Cyndi Montesonti moved we cut the newsletter to two times a year 2-1/2 months before the General Membership Meeting to allow RSVP time for events. Dorinda Kay Miller seconded. **PASSED.**

It was purposed by Vice President Anita Toste that we only publish two newsletters a year to save costs, but since we have already published one newsletter this year there would be three publications for 2023. Newsletters will go out in the middle of June each year for the August General Membership Meeting and the middle of October for

the December General Membership Meeting. The August summer picnic will have a cost of \$15.00 per person to help pay for the rental of Lyon's Park and food. There will be a charge for the Broiler Steak House for the December Holiday Party, but it is too soon to figure the cost out.

- **e.** Tom Ingram worked with Doris and Judy at MCERA regarding the wording on the new application for the increase in membership dues. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti reminded Vice-President Anita Toste to contact our Pacific Group Insurance and notify them of our dues increase, per the Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association.
- **f.** Change of Board of Directors' Meeting date for the summer, from Monday, July 10, 2023 to Monday, June 12, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Due to lack of quorum in July. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti will be gone for the months of June and July and will not be available to take minutes. However, she will be able to get a partial agenda done.
- 7. Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI Secretary

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