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2-year

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1-year

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Marilyn Heath

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Dorinda Kay Miller

THE CONNECTION:

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Date: April 12, 2021

Slam Dunk Pizza Ukiah, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER –

INTRODUCTIONS: Interim President Leatha Andersen called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Leatha Andersen, Cyndi Montesonti, Tommy Desroches, Tommy Ingram, Raylene Lucchesi, Dorinda Miller Jim Andersen. Marilyn Heath. ABSENT: Shirley Christensen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Raylene Lucchessi moves we approve the January 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes. Tommy Desroches

seconded. **PASSED.**

3. REPORTS

– **Treasurer Report:** Raylene Lucchesi reported for February 2020 that there is \$6,586.76 with \$293 allocated for Scholarships, \$7,496.27 for March 2020 with \$293 remaining in Scholarships Fund. Cyndi Montesonti moved we accept the Treasurer's Report. Dorinda Miller seconded. **PASSED.**

– **Membership Report:** Dorinda Miller reported that there are 996 members as of March 2021. In February 2021, there were 993 members. Thank you Dorinda for updating the Board Rosters for us. Delete your old list and file save as the new one.

– **Scholarship Report:** Cyndi Montesonti reported that for the 2021-2022 school year, five \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded (\$500 per semester) with grades and proof of enrollment full-time in a college, university or trade school. Cyndi Montesonti reported that the next newsletter will have all the information regarding applying for Scholarships for the 2021-2022 year.

– **CRCEA Report:** James Andersen reported that their last meeting was on Zoom. Jim discussed status of historical benefit review project for retirees. He said the Retirement Office is 1/3 through it. One employee left. Moving forward with it. Retirees reductions appeal Retirement Administrator first then their 2nd appeal to the entire Board of Retirement. Jim reported his CRCEA Conference is in Long Beach Nov. 7-11, 2021.

4. OLD BUSINESS: Dorinda received everything for the newsletter. It will go out late this week or early next week. Discussion on how to recruit new retirees to possibly get involved with our organization. Leatha talked about a possible letter to them to join as future officers or Board members.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

– **Website:** Discussion of website www.amcre.org which is now up and running and looks great. Leatha discussed invoice in detail and the new website completed by Bohdan from Respectech. Website will have everything in it including Bylaws and Scholarship information, along with Breaking News and other items of interest. Respectech created a form for publishing any new items to be put on our website. Dorinda will be in charge of submitting the form with the items to them. BUDGET: \$500 to create site, monthly fee plus \$99.00/hour. He also signed us up for a five-year Godaddy.com account where info site is stored. Raylene Lucchesi moved we approve the RTI Invoice for \$822.04 for the creation of the website. Cyndi Montesonti seconded. **PASSED.**

– **Laptop Approval:** Dorinda Miller needs a laptop strictly for AMCRE things since she will be monitoring the website and emails. She does not want to co-mingle any personal things of hers with AMCRE. Tommy Ingram moves we approve a new laptop for Dorinda Miller for strictly AMCRE use not to exceed \$750. Tommy Desroches seconded. **PASSED.** Discussion: Raylene wanted everyone to know that after the purchase of the laptop, there will be a \$5,000 balance in our Treasury.

Raylene went on to discuss the on line banking. She likes the paperwork, and hand writes everything into hard copies and gives Cyndi the balance sheets. She wants to continue doing AMCRE books this way.

– **General Meetings:** All General Meetings have been canceled until further notice. There will be no summer picnic BBQ. Cyndi has to call back tonight to talk to the owner of the Broiler to see if they will be doing any banquets for Christmas. She will try and report in the newsletter the outcome. Cyndi Montesonti moved that the summer BBQ General meeting and possibly the December holiday party will be canceled due to the pandemic. Tommy Desroches seconded. **PASSED.** Raylene discussed how we used to pass around the Scholarship container and we would get quite a bit of money to put in the Scholarship Fund. It was stopped prior to the pandemic. We will discuss at the next Board meeting if we should start that up again and try to increase Scholarship Fund.

– **Speakers:** no speakers for the rest of 2021. Cyndi Montesonti will try and reach Tom Allman to see if he is interested in emceeding our holiday party, if we have one.

– **Vice-President position:** Jim Andersen moves to not fill the Vice-President position this year and look for a new one for 2022. Marilyn Heath seconded. **PASSED.** Janet Clark was going to do it, but things came up and she is unable to take this position.

– **Bylaws:** Leatha Andersen and Dorinda Miller and Tommy Ingram made suggestions for changes to the Bylaws. They were brought to the Board meeting for discussion. Leatha prepared it with track changes and clean copy. It was discussed in detail. Jim Andersen suggested under Article VI, the Committee delete Legislative from Item 6.

– **Discussion** on grandfathering the \$.66 per person for spouses of deceased retirees. Everyone else pays \$1.00 per person to be a member including all new members. Tommy Ingram moves that we charge \$1.00 fee for

membership for future Associate members and grandfathering \$.66 with current Associate members. Jim Andersen seconded. **PASSED.** Leatha will notify the Retirement Office.

Dorinda will send Bylaws to Respectech to put in Website along with the newsletter. Dorinda Miller moves we accept the Bylaws with the new changes. Tommy Ingram seconded. **PASSED.**

– **Pandemic:** It is important no matter what meetings we have that we follow the Public Health Protocols for the Orange Tier for the Pandemic. We wear masks, stand or sit 6 feet apart and wash and disinfect hands.

– **Future Meetings:** Board Meeting: 7/12/2021 at noon at Slam Dunk Pizza; August General Members meeting canceled; October 11, 2021 is Special Meeting regarding elections. It sometimes is in-person and sometimes via telephone calls to confirm a Slate of Officers. November 8, 2021 will be our Board Meeting at Slam Dunk Pizza. December 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. will be our Holiday Party if the Broiler Steak House is doing it. Otherwise we will notify everyone in the newsletter if it has been canceled or not.

– **COLA:** Jim Andersen said we will have a 1.5% COLA in our May 1, 2021 paycheck for retirees.

– **CRCEA:** Interim President Leatha Andersen said the on line roster of CRCEA needs to be updated with our logo and all the officers. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti will fix it and return it to Leatha to send off. Interim President Andersen also talked about CRCEA wanting donors and will be on their website for November conference. No further information.

6. ADJOURNED at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyndi Montesonti

Secretary