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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

July 12, 2021

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1. CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS: Meeting called to order at 12:09 p.m. Roll call taken: PRESENT: Leatha Andersen, Cyndi Montesonti, Jim Andersen, Dorinda Kay Miller, Marilyn Heath, Tommy Desroches, and Tommy Ingram. ABSENT: Raylene Lucchesi and Shirley Christensen.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Secretary Cyndi Montesonti reported that in the minutes of 4/12/2021, it was noted in the Treasurer's Report for several months that the year was 2020 when in fact it was 2021. Jim Andersen moves we amend to correct the April 12, 2021 minutes to reflect the appropriate years as 2021 instead of 2020 under the Treasurer's Report. Tommy Desroches Seconded. **PASSED.** Discussion of posting draft MINUTES from the Board meeting within 30 days after our meeting. Dorinda Kay Miller moves we post the minutes to the website as DRAFT within 30 days after the meeting. Tommy Ingram Seconded. **PASSED.**

3. REPORTS:

– **TREASURER REPORT:** Raylene Lucchesi – Cyndi Montesonti reported for Treasurer Raylene Lucchesi. Raylene submitted ledgers for March, April, May and June 2021. The balance in the June 2021 General Fund is \$7,181.20 with \$293.00 remaining in the Scholarship Fund. Raylene will soon move \$2,000 over into the Scholarships as our winners turn in proof of college enrollment and class schedules. Discussion of a budget. Cyndi said Raylene's ledgers are to the penny. She is unable to present July 2021 balances until she receives the Savings Bank statement.

– **MEMBERSHIP REPORT:** Dorinda Kay Miller—Number of Members 1,003. First time over 1000 AMCRE members. Wonderful. Dorinda discussed a mistake with Nora regarding one person paying twice because they were counted twice by Retirement. It was fixed. Dorinda also mentioned she was thrilled to have the new AMCRE computer updated with new software and fast memory. Respectech gave us a good deal for the purchase completely new and upgraded for \$749. They also donated some of their time in updating this computer. Leatha and Dorinda both discussed how Bohdan from Respectech would train someone to keep

up the website and add to it if we wanted that. His charge is about \$99.00/hour. We want to keep those bills reasonable.

While discussing the new letterhead, Dorinda will remove the “~” after the word Co-Editors under *THE CONNECTION*. New letterhead will be discussed under New Business. Dorinda will also add the Scholarship Committee members to the side bar. Cyndi Montesonti – Scholarship Chair, Tommy Ingram and Marilyn Heath serve on the Committee.

– **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT:** Cyndi Montesonti—Chair Cyndi Montesonti reported there were 9 excellent applicants. Tommy Ingram, Marilyn Heath and Cyndi Montesonti sat on the Committee. The winning applicants were notified by telephone and a confirming letter was sent to them instructing them on what is needed to pay them their first \$500. The other applicants were called and messages left if they did not pick up or return the call. The Scholarship winners are: Pierce Douglas Naughton, Paige Dalby, Alana Gibson, and Angelina Branson. *Please see Scholarship Article on Page 6 for more detail.*

– **CRCEA REPORT/RETIREMENT MEETING REPORT:** Jim Andersen reported there was not a lot happening due to Covid. He said there is not a lot going on either. Legal issues they are tracking do not affect retirees. The next conference is in Long Beach. He said Orange County will host Spring 2022 and they are reporting out that it will be a virtual conference. He mentioned other counties are shrinking down due to the lack of people volunteering in positions or on the Board. He mentioned larger counties have paid staff. Jim also reported on the Overpayment/Underpayment issue: Retirement completed about 50% of case reviews. They had hoped this would be completed by August 2021. However, the Retirement Office lost extra help staff and the process may not be finished until 2022. Jim explained the appeal process. He also talked with Virginia Adams from CRCEA about our information on their website and she will update it. He said she has been trying to step down for over a year. Nobody will replace her. Jim said he will not run for this position at the end of the year. He discussed duties of the CRCEA Representative. He also said he would not mind stopping by now and then and giving us a report as to what is going on with Retirement.

4. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

– **Speakers and Dates through 2021:** Janet Clark is not interested in doing the Vice-President position for 2022, but would be happy to do the Sunshine Committee, as Shirley Christensen will be stepping down. Tommy Ingram said he would be interested in the Vice-President position and will be in charge of finding speakers for 2022.

– **Newsletter Preparation** – Co-Editor Cyndi Montesonti explained she puts the newsletter together and gets articles in there. Co-Editor Dorinda Miller talked about getting it put together in a special way, submitting to Creative Workshop and then Express It gets it. Discussion of costs. Dorinda received a thank you note that the Board wanted placed in the newsletter and an article from Kendall Smith and Steve

Proctor on the Underpayment / Overpayment Issue. We are adding a column in the newsletter called "Letters to the Editors." That is where submitted articles, letters or notes from retirees will be placed.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

– **Letterhead:** Also discussion of new letterhead. President Leatha Andersen brought one sample. Most of the Board members liked color and some liked the black and white style. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti suggested we table this discussion until our Monday, October 11, 2021 special Board meeting. Leatha will bring a variety of samples to look at.

– **October Special Meeting:** In person or telephone call. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti reminded everyone that the last few years nobody had an interest to run for an office or join the Board but the current Board members. The Board members, therefore, had telephone calls for the special meeting. This year we will meet in person because we have other information to add on the October agenda. The Board agreed.

– **Board of Directors Membership Terms of Office and Recruitment** – Dorinda Miller/Leatha Andersen – Both Marilyn Heath and Jim Andersen will not be returning to the Board of Directors. Cyndi Montesonti said Shirley Christensen did not want to return as well. Marilyn Heath would like to remain on the Scholarship Committee. We will have two vacancies in the 1-year Board of Director position, and in the 2-year Board position, we will have 1 vacancy. We also need to find someone to serve as our CRCEA Representative. Leatha Andersen will stay on one more year as President. The rest of the Board will remain. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti volunteered to make calls to retirees recruiting them to our Board of Directors. If anyone is interested, they should contact Cyndi Montesonti.

– **Board Member Photos**—President Leatha Andersen asked the Board to have their picture taken by Dorinda before they leave for the website.

– **Covid Update for AMCRE**—Leatha Andersen: Leatha reported that we need to encourage everyone that

attends the holiday party to be vaccinated. Cyndi will contact the Broiler and find out their Covid protocols. If people are not vaccinated, it might be difficult to attend the holiday party because we would be unable to separate everyone.

– **Development of Group Email for AMCRE** – Leatha Andersen / Dorinda Kay Miller: Discussion of costs of preparing the newsletter and having it mailed out. Membership Chair Dorinda Kay Miller feels we could start phasing out paper copies and going to a group email to receive the newsletter and anything else important. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti suggested we give the Retirees an opportunity to tell us how they would like to receive the newsletter. Some people have computers, but never really touch them. Dorinda will prepare something for this newsletter. She will have the members email to the amcremendocino@gmail.com if they want *THE CONNECTION* emailed. By emailing to our AMCRE email, Dorinda will be able to read the email clearly. She will then prepare a list ready for the first newsletter in 2022 to all those who want it by email. This way it will save money on printing newsletters.

– **Budget Review/Holiday Party:** Secretary Cyndi Montesonti reported that we will have our first event since Covid at the Broiler Steak House on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. According to Cyndi Montesonti, the Broiler will charge us a flat \$40.00 per person including tax and gratuity. At the October Special Board meeting, the Board will discuss finances on how much we will contribute for each retiree attending. Cyndi reported that we contributed \$15.00 per person the last time we had this event. She said, however, our General Fund may only have about \$3,000 in around that time. Cyndi said the Broiler will allow us 4 different dinner choices with 30-40 people, 3 choices if we go up in people. The amount of dinner entrée choices go down as our numbers go up. We can have the bartender if we have between 75-80 people. Sheriff Tom Allman has agreed to be our Emcee and will swear in the new officers. Cyndi will contact Jim Tusso to see if he wants to come as Santa Claus.

6. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cyndi Montesonti
Secretary