



AMCRE

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED
EMPLOYEES

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Board of Directors

PRESIDENT

Tommy Ingram

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Anita Toste

SECRETARY

Cyndi Montesonti

TREASURER

Cyndie Richardson

C.R.C.E.A. DELEGATE

Jill Martin

DIRECTORS

3-year

Tom Desroches

Dorinda Kay Miller

2-year

Alice Langton-Sloan

Donna Glass

1-year

Raylene Lucchesi

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

MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Date: November 14, 2022 **Time:** 12:00 p.m.

Place: SLAM DUNK PIZZA, 720 N. State Street, Ukiah

1. CALL TO ORDER –

INTRODUCTIONS: President Tommy Ingram called the meeting to order at noon. Introductions of Board members. Raylene Lucchesi absent. All other Board members were present. Guests: Russell McCutcheon and Juanie Cranmer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Anita Toste had a correction to the October 10, 2022, Minutes under New Business #5, line 9 and 10 as follows: Regarding Cobra policies, they cannot be purchased through payroll deduction. They have to be purchased separately. Dorinda Miller moved to accept the October 10, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes as corrected by Anita Toste. Jill Martin Seconded. **PASSED.**

3. REPORTS:

TREASURER REPORT:

Cyndie Richardson – Gave verbal report. She reported Current Balance, 6021.25. Said there was \$1,000 in the Scholarship Fund. Cyndie also reported that she found out Savings Bank did charge us \$120.74 for business checks. She had to call the check company and get that

charge reversed. The real charge is now \$39.44. They told her we have not ordered checks in a while. Cyndie said more of her homework was to figure out if we could afford to contribute money towards the holiday dinner for the member and the guest. The Broiler Steakhouse will charge us \$45.00 per person for the dinner. It was \$2,882 in 2021. She said the bill would run around \$3,200 if we get 72 people to attend. She felt like we could contribute \$20 per person. This will be voted on under **Old Business**. More discussion followed. She also discussed the high cost of Creative Workshop for the newsletter and Express It for mailing out. Discussion occurred about emailing links for everyone to read the newsletter on line. It was suggested to make it mandatory computer use of the newsletter instead of printing. If people do not have access to a computer, a hard copy would be mailed. Costs would be cut down. This was tabled to the January 9, 2023, Board Meeting Agenda. Tommy Deroches moved we accept the October 2022 Treasurer's Report. Cyndi Montesonti seconded. **PASSED.**

MEMBERSHIP: Dorinda Miller reported that we have 1018 members. She also said she sent an updated spreadsheet of members to Tommy Ingram, Cyndi Montesonti and Donna Glass on October 7 and then again on October 30, 2022 updated. A few of the Directors said to Dorinda Miller they are unable to open some of her attachments and lists. She will look into it.

SCHOLARSHIP: Cyndi Montesonti reported that three of the four scholarship recipients have been paid \$500 for the Fall semester. One has not turned in anything. Cyndi also reported from the discussion at the October 10, 2022, Special Board Meeting that she has prepared language to be effective January 1, 2023, as to required dates that scholarship recipients must turn in their paperwork in order to receive payment.

MEETINGS

Below are the listed months that the Board of Directors and the General Membership meet. There are four General Membership meetings a year, as well as four Board of Directors meetings, and all are held the 2nd Monday of the meeting month. Board meetings are usually held at 12:00 p.m. at Slam Dunk Pizza.

BOARD MEETINGS: January, April, July, October (special meeting for Board of Directors nominations) and November.

GENERAL MEETINGS: February, May, August and December.

The language reads as follows: "Cyndi Montesonti moves effective January 1, 2023, that we add a deadline for proof of scholarship submittal on the congratulations letter and also on the website under the Scholarship Tab. The deadline to receive the award money for fall semester must be submitted with required documents no later than October 31 each year. The deadline to receive the award money for spring semester must be submitted with required documents no later than June 1st each year. If there is a problem for the recipient to turn in the required paperwork by these dates, they must notify in writing to the Scholarship Chair to seek approval of an extension of time. Should the scholarship recipient fail to turn in the required paperwork by these deadlines, they forfeited their Scholarship award for that semester."

Should this motion pass, this language will be given to our Webmaster to put under the SCHOLARSHIP TAB as the second paragraph before submittal information. It will also be added to the BREAKING NEWS tab as well and the Congratulations letter. Seconded by: Anita Toste
Motion: **PASSED**

CRCEA: Jill Noel Martin gave a review of her conference in October in Sacramento. She was very excited about being able to attend it. She said earlier in the year she attended from Florida the virtual CRCEA conference. She enjoyed that but realized how interesting and better it was to be able to be at the Sacramento conference in person. The networking was very important. All the other Associations were impressed that Mendocino County had the best participation in activities than any other County. Jill also said she met with Bohdan from Respect Tech and had training on working on our website and making the updates. She said it is somewhat difficult, but she felt she had tools and a little more training to master it. She said that Gene is head of CRCEA Technology Committee. Jill said he discussed some easier software to update websites and she will reach out to get the information. She also asked Dorinda to be sure she uploads our newsletter to CRCEA electronically. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti will get the updates for our website to Dorinda, and Dorinda will pass it on to Jill for updating.

4. OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and possible action:

--**Holiday Party-Secretary Cyndi Montesonti:** Holiday dinner will be at the Broiler Steakhouse on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. (no host bar), sit down

for dinner at 5:45 p.m. and meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$45.00 per person which includes bread, salad, entrée of either steak, prawns, grilled chicken on vege lasagna, dessert and coffee. AMCRE needs to discuss and vote whether we will contribute towards the cost for the member and guest. Reservations are due no later than 11/28/2022. No refunds after December 1, 2022. Anita Toste moves AMCRE contributes \$20.00 per person towards the \$45.00 per person dinner costing each member and guest \$25.00 each to attend. Jill Noel Martin seconded. **PASSED.**

Discussion on whether we invite Jim Tusso to be our Santa and let guests get photographed with him. Dorinda will take new Board Member pictures as well. Vice-President Anita Toste moves we invite Jim Tusso to attend as Santa Claus and be photographed with members and guests. Dorinda Miller seconded. **PASSED.**

--**Confirmation of Matt Kendall:** Anita Toste will confirm all details with Sheriff Matt Kendall and will remind him he is our Emcee and will be swearing in the newly elected officers. She will confirm his dinner choices and if a guest will be joining him. Jill Noel Martin notified the Board of Directors that she will be in Florida for the holiday dinner. She asked if we could phone in to her for the January 9, 2023 Board Meeting.

--**Newsletter Preparation:** Co-Editors Cyndi Montesonti and Dorinda Miller discussed deadlines. Dorinda will like the articles from Tommy Ingram and Anita Toste by tomorrow and Minutes from Cyndi Montesonti by today or tomorrow. Discussion of costs with Creative Workshop and Express It.

--**Welcome Sheet: Dorinda Miller:** Dorinda distributed a copy of the Welcome sheet given to all new member retirees.

5. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

--**Ron Parker Approval of letter of Support.** Ron Parker discussed the issue of divorced employees who were promised certain benefits in their divorce settlements granted by the Courts, a division of the original employee's retirement. Ron read the letter and information that was distributed at the October 10, 2022 Special AMCRE Board Meeting. In these court-ordered agreements, the understanding was made to the former spouses that their portion of the retirement would be for their lifetime, and they subsequently gave up other assets, thinking they had that financial security. He said it would be the Retirement Board and the Board of Supervisors that would adopt the policies and/or resolution. He just wanted AMCRE Board to do a letter of

support to MCERA and the Board of Supervisors if this comes up on their agenda. This matter was tabled to the January 9, 2023, Board meeting.

--**ANITA TOSTE: February 2023 General Meeting.** Anita will contact Sheriff Matt Kendal and see if we can reschedule our canceled February 2022 General Meeting lunch at the Sheriff's Training Center for Monday, February 13, 2023, at noon. They provide the lunch and drinks and the Sheriff speaks on whatever topic he would like. This will be tabled for the January 9, 2023, Board Meeting while Anita gets information.

--**ANITA TOSTE: Insurance Issues:** Anita also discussed Cobra Insurance policies for retirees. She said the optical changed from MES to VSP vision insurance which is very good. Anita also said the dental is a good program as well. She said to contact Jason Sheppard at 707-462-4169 for questions. Anita also said we can keep AFLAC at the same rate they pay now and can have it deducted from your retirement check.

--**CYNDI MONTESONTI: RSVP for General Meetings:** Cyndi discussed needing RSVPs for all General Meetings beginning in 2023. This would help us in ordering food for these meetings that we pay and how big the place would need to be. Someone would need to be in charge of booking the place and taking the reservations for the event. Anita Toste makes a recommendation to accept and implement RSVPs for attendance to General Meetings. Dorinda Kay Miller seconded. **PASSED.** More discussion on this issue will take place in January at the Board meeting.

6. **ADJOURN:** 1:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
CYNDI MONTESONTI
Secretary