



AMCRE

ASSOCIATION OF MENDOCINO COUNTY RETIRED
EMPLOYEES

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FRIENDSHIP • UNITY • STRENGTH • GROWTH

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 COMMITTEE

Dorinda Kay Miller

THE CONNECTION:

CO-EDITORS ~

Cyndi Montesonti

Dorinda Kay Miller

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Donna Glass

Web Master

Resptech

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MINUTES

August 14, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Lion's Park, Redwood Valley, CA 95482

1. **CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:** Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Tom Ingram, President. Secretary Cyndi Montesonti took roll call. PRESENT: President-Tom Ingram, Treasurer-Cyndie Richardson, Secretary-Cyndi Montesonti, and Directors; Dorinda Kay Miller, Tommy Deroches, Juanie Cranmer, Russell McCutcheon and Donna Glass. ABSENT: Vice-President-Anita Toste. AMCRE members present introduced themselves. Tom Ingram, President, Diane Ingram and Claire Marsh were our cooks. Thank you from all of us.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** President Tom Ingram called on Tommy Deroches to lead.
3. **MINUTES:** Dorinda Kay Miller moved we approve the June 12, 2023 Board of Director's Minutes. Tom Ingram seconded. PASSED.
4. **WELCOME:** President Tom Ingram welcomed everybody and talked about upcoming events.
 - He let everyone know that the next Board of Directors' meeting will be a special board meeting pulling together the 2024 Board of Directors in October. We currently have one vacant position.
 - The next General Membership Meeting will be held at the Broiler Steak House on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Details will be in the next newsletter.
 - He also talked about an upcoming zoom meeting with CRCEA which he is currently handling. There will be a fall conference, and Tom Ingram may or may not attend depending on the agenda for it.
 - He also talked about our treasury and apologized for not being able to give out scholarships this year. However, he said that for the 2024-2025 year, we will be able to resume the Scholarship Program. We only received one scholarship in the mail, and that person was called and advised what was happening with our treasury this year.
 - Per the Constitution and Bylaws: ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS Section 1. *This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any Regular Membership meeting of the Association by a majority vote of members present, providing notification has been mailed to the membership at least thirty days prior to the meeting at which such action is to be considered.* A motion was made by Juanie Cranmer and seconded by Dorinda Miller to accept the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association of Mendocino County Retired Employees (AMCRE). All present voted yes. Motion passed.
 - Tom Ingram also explained the importance of filling out the form for the county retirement office to increase our dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00 per month. There were numerous questions regarding that people thought they would just increase it. Cyndi Montesonti, Secretary explained that everyone has to sign the form, because MCERA is not allowed to change their pension unless the form was filled out and signed by the retiree. Several people filled out the form and Board Director Juanie Cranmer will take them to the retirement office the next day. Cyndi Montesonti reminded everyone to spread the word to sign the dues increase form from \$1.00 per month to \$2.00 per month and return it to our Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association's office ASAP.
 - Tom Ingram also talked about a letter received from Cal Pers. He also talked about senior scams.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Cyndie Richardson explained why the treasury was so low due to the increase in prices for Creative Workshop, Express It and RespecTech who is needed to manage our web page. The current balance in the treasury is \$3,646.23 for July 2023. All bills were paid. Expenses were slightly higher due to extra forms going out via email and U.S. Mail (for people with no computers) regarding dues increase. Cyndie Richardson also mentioned that we received many donations from retirees to help our treasury. Thank you to people that donated.
6. **MEMBERSHIP:** Dorinda Kay Miller – Membership Chair, reported we have 1021 members due to deaths and 2 left AMCRE.
7. **NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS:**

Holiday Dinner: Secretary Cyndi Montesonti discussed our holiday dinner at the Broiler in December. She said that the Board of Directors will decide at the October or November Board Meeting if we will be able to kick any money in. She said the prices are set by the Broiler which

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includes the meal, coffee, tax and tip. Depending how many reservations we get, we will get 3 or 4 choices. Cyndi let everyone know that the Broiler increased their prices last December and will probably remain about the same.

MCERA: It was brought to our attention that there was an article in a previous MCERA newsletter regarding items the (MCERA) Mendocino County Employees Retirement Association's office would like us to bring in. It updates your file should your spouse/partner pass away and the county retirement office has most items they would need. Call them if you have questions, but bring in your Birth Certificate, Marriage License and CA Real ID if you have not already done so.

8. **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Patty Androff \$20.00, Donna Glass \$20.00 (donated back to Scholarship Fund), Carol Brown \$20.00, Frances Newbury \$20.00, Donna Glass \$20.00 (donated back to Scholarship Fund), Cathy Moody \$50.00, Carol Brown \$50.00, and Leonard Swope \$50.00. Thank you all.
9. **MEETINGS:** The next Board of Directors meeting is Monday, October 9, 2023 at Slam Dunk Pizza. A Slate of Officers will be selected. If you want to run for an office or be on our Board, contact Tom Ingram. The next scheduled General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at Broiler Steak House. Details will come in the October/November/December newsletter.
10. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. with full bellies after a delicious dinner.
11. A big shout out thank you to President Tommy Ingram for BBQing, Diane Ingram and Claire Marsh for cooking this amazing dinner.

Respectfully submitted,

CYNDI MONTESONTI
Secretary

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