

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Business Meeting May 23, 2017

Steele Lane Community Center, Santa Rosa

12:30 p.m. Social/1 p.m. Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Alix Shor at 1 p.m. There was a quorum today, as more than 25 members were present. 65 members signed in.
- 2. Guest Speakers:** Marcia Chadbourne, Wendy Serrano, and Toni Wilhite from the County of Sonoma Risk Management and Human Resources Department explained the Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRA) Program which goes into effect July 1, 2017, and answered questions from the audience. The HRAs were part of the Settlement Agreement with the County. Instructions were also mailed out to everyone who retired by June 30, 2016. This meeting was for SCARE members only, but other informational sessions will be held.
- 3. Legal Update:** Our lawsuit is officially over. SCARE is creating a PAC (Political Action Committee) where SCARE can campaign for people who are running for office and oppose attacks on pensions. \$1 of our dues each month will go to support the PAC.
- 4. Vote to Decrease Dues:** When we filed our lawsuit against the County in 2009, we raised our dues to \$10 for SCARE members and \$5 for associate members. We lost a few members who couldn't afford the increase. Now that our lawsuit is over and our legal fees are being paid off, the SCARE Board has recommended that we lower our dues (a promise we made). Per our Bylaws, members must vote on this change. It was moved by Dianne Edwards, seconded by Marilyn Foster and approved by all but one (a man who felt the dues should stay at \$10). It is our hope more retirees will join SCARE with this decrease. The decrease should go into effect in June or July.
- 5. Next SCARE Luncheon:** Alix reminded members of the June 14th SCARE Luncheon at the Quail Inn in Oakmont. Reservations (\$21 for members/\$25 for non-members) must be sent to Patty Hamley by June 7th. Fliers were included in the May Newsletter.
- 6. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2017 Calendar:

June 14 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.

July 5 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

August 22 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane – 1 p.m.

September 6 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

September 13 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.

November 1 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

November 28 – Business Meeting – Steele Lane – 1 p.m.

December 13 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.