

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Membership Meeting, May 28, 2019

Steele Lane Community Center, Santa Rosa

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

1. Guest Speaker: Bob Bulwa introduced today's guest speaker, Renee Tolliver, Director of Social Services, for the Council on Aging. Renee reported on the 21 programs and services offered by the Agency, including Social Services, Legal, Financial, and Health. Meals on Wheels, Estate Planning, the Sonoma Wine Country Games, Age-Friendly Sonoma County are just a few of the services that require volunteers to be successful. For more information check out councilonaging.com or call 707-525-0143. Renee's extension is 124.

2. Call to Order: Following Renee's presentation President Alix Shor called the meeting to order.

3. CRCEA: Carol Bauer reported on the CRCEA (California Retired County Employees Association) Conference which will be hosted by SCARE October 28-30, 2019, at the DoubleTree Hotel, Rohnert Park. Carol asked for volunteers to help with the conference (registration, gift bags, decorations for banquet, etc.). Contact Carol at 707-874-9149 or bfuzzy51@aol.com.

3. SCCLO (Sonoma County Coalition of Labor Organizations): Phyris Tobler reported all of the unions are working together. The County is increasing contributions toward health insurance. So far, they are not suggesting depooling retirees from employees. Retirees under 65 could be depooled from actives, which would make their health insurance premiums go up. 1/3 of retirees are under 65, so this could affect a lot of people.

4. JLMBC (Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee): Phyris reported the County would like to get rid of the County Health Plan. However, they must have something for those retirees who have moved out of the area and are under 65 as they are not eligible for other County health plans.

The unions representing Safety employees have agreed to the County paying \$500 per month into a medical trust fund (DSA) or an HRA (SCLEA). The County will no longer pay the \$96.40 reimbursement for Medicare Part B for those retirees. This only affects people who retire after October 2018 and August 2018 for DSA. We don't think SEIU has even been offered this option, or, at least, they have not accepted it.

5. Member Feedback: Phyris asked for feedback from members on the SCARE Newsletter and for speaker suggestions for our Membership Meetings. We would like to know what they like or if there are other things they would like to see.

6. SCARE Luncheon: Alix announced SCARE's next luncheon will be held June 12 at Legends (Bennett Valley Golf Course). This is a barbecue buffet. Fliers were in the last Newsletter and also available on the back table today. The Board agreed at its last meeting to

increase the amount the Association pays towards members' lunches to \$10. This will take effect at our September 11th luncheon. Member lunches will be \$20 rather than \$24 (all inclusive). Non-SCARE members will pay \$30.

7. Drawing: 26 members signed the roster for today's meeting. Kay Greczkowski and Gail Goring won the drawing for a free SCARE luncheon at Legends. Thanks to Carl Jackson for conducting the drawings at our Membership Meetings and for collecting the money donations for F.I.S.H. at our luncheons.

8. Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

Upcoming Events

June 12 – Luncheon – Legends

July 10 – Board Meeting

August 27 – Membership Meeting – Steele Lane

September 4 – Board Meeting

September 11 – Luncheon – Legends

October 27-30 – CRCEA Conference – Doubletree, Rohnert Park

November 6 – Board Meeting

November 19 – Membership Meeting – Steele Lane

December 11 – Luncheon at Legends