

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)

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Minutes of the SCARE Membership ZOOM Meeting

August 24, 2021, 1 p.m. Meeting

1. Call to Order: President Alix Shor called the Zoom Meeting to order (from her home in Sierra County) and introduced today's guest speakers, Adrienne Kuhn, Crisis Counselor Program Coordinator for the Wildfire Response Program, which is funded by FEMA; and Vern Losh, SCARE member and former Sonoma County Fire Marshal, who serves on the Board of Fire Safe Sonoma, a nonprofit whose mission is to increase awareness of wildfire issues in our county and help local residents and firefighting agencies to achieve improved wildfire safety.

Adrienne reported she served in the Navy for 11 years and currently works for Nation's Finest, which partners with FEMA to provide a variety of services including food, clothing insurance and counseling to veterans in California, Arizona and Nevada. They have a special grant to provide the Wildfire Response Program to *anyone* in Sonoma County. This program offers individual and group crisis counseling as well as general support, fire preparedness info, along with information on local community support services and state and federal relief programs. Their Hotline is 707-921-5887. They offer weekly workshops Monday – Thursday on Self-Care Tips, Resource Referrals, Educational Group, Fire Preparedness and Peer Support. Adrienne's Power Point presentation will be available on our website under Helpful Information.

Email: sonomawildfire@nationsfinest.org.

Vern reported Fire Safe Sonoma has been instrumental in helping to educate residents about wildfire prevention and safety, especially through distribution of their publications Living with Fire in Sonoma County and Ready, Set, Go. (<https://www.firesafesonoma.org/documents/>). He recommends assembling an emergency supply kit long before a wildfire or other emergency occurs, knowing your evacuation zone and several evacuation routes, listening to alerts, and have a plan for what you need to do if you are told to evacuate. Email: vernlosh@gmail.com Fire Safe Sonoma: www.firesafesonoma.org

2. JLMBC (Joint Labor Management Benefits Committee): No report per Phyris.

3. ICPC (Independent Citizens Pension Committee): No report per Bill Robotka.

4. SCCLO (Sonoma County Coalition of Labor Organizations): No report per Bill.

5. November 16th Membership Meeting: Provided Covid restrictions are lifted, Alix reported the Board has tentatively reserved the Cypress Room at the Finley Center for our next Membership Meeting. This meeting will start at 1 p.m. and food will be served prior to meeting. More information will be in the next newsletter.

6. Speakers for Future Meetings: Phyris asked members to let us know if there are topics or speakers they would like us to invite to future meetings. Cora Guy is in charge of our programs/speakers, so you can contact her or any other Board Members.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

Upcoming Events:

September 1 – Board Zoom Meeting 1 p.m.

September 8 – Luncheon (Canceled)

November 3 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.

November 16 – Membership Meeting

December 8 -- Luncheon