

**SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)**

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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 5, 2011

SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Treasurer Phyris Tobler at 1 p.m. In attendance: Patty Hamley, Carl Jackson, Eeve Lewis, Scott Lewis, Ron Piorek, Alix Shor, Phyris Tobler, Kathy Wertz, and Gary Wilkening. Carol Bauer, Dick Gearhart, and Greg Jacobs were absent. A quorum was present.

**New Board Seated:** All 12 members of the Board were elected at the last Business Meeting. Phyris reviewed the current committees and assignments:

Executive: Carol, Greg, Patty, and Phyris

Health Benefits (JLMBC): Kathy, Carl, Dick, Phyris, and Gary

Financial Oversight: Eeve, Alix, and Phyris

Legal: Greg, Carol, Scott, Ron, and Phyris

Legislative & CRCEA: Ron (delegate to CRCEA), Dick (alternate to CRCEA), and Greg

Bylaws: Phyris, Ron, and Carl

Nominating: Carl and Gary

Membership: Patty and Phyris

CRCEA Conference: Cindy Moore and Board Members

Luncheons: Patty

Newsletter: Lonna Necker

Scholarships: Gary

Programs: Vacant

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Ron, seconded by Scott, and agreed by all that the Minutes of our November 30<sup>th</sup> Business and Special Board Meetings are approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Phyris reported that as of December 31, 2010, our Total Equity in Redwood Credit Union was \$140,634. The Franchise Tax Board has required a separate application for non-profit status for an unincorporated association.

**Legal Report:** Our Notice of Appeal was filed on December 22. Also, an Amicus Brief supporting Orange County Retirees (REAOC) was made on behalf of Sonoma, Contra Costa, and CRCEA and filed with the California Supreme Court on December 29. PERS also filed an Amicus Brief in REAOC.

There was a discussion about how hard it was for us to get CRCEA to become part of our Amicus Brief. They finally agreed after Ron sent several e-mails, and they contributed \$2,000 to the cost of the brief. Ron will bring Minutes and financial reports of CRCEA to our next Board Meeting. SCARE pays CRCEA 45 cents per member per year to be part of that organization. Our Board would like to see CRCEA be more proactive in supporting the counties.

**JLMBC Report:** The County will increase the life insurance policy for retirees to \$10,000 during open enrollment. Retirees who already have the \$2,000 policy can remain at that amount. Phyris also reported Kaiser has a new program called Healthy Habits, which will be offered to

retirees (except for a health assessment). Large increases are projected in health insurance costs – 47% for UHC so the County may not keep that plan.

**Safety Net Program:** No response to our letter concerning the Safety Net Program has been received from the Board of Supervisors or County Administrator. Human Resource's response to the letter will be in their preliminary budget, which will be presented on January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Supervisors hearing. It was suggested that Mike Reilly be contacted to speak to the Board concerning the Safety Net Program since it was his idea in the first place.

**General Membership Meeting (February 22) – Guest Speaker:** Alix will contact the Council of Aging to see if we can provide a speaker for this meeting.

**CRCEA Conference in April:** The CRCEA 2011 Spring Conference will be held in San Diego April 17-20. Ron Piorek, our Delegate, will not be able to attend. Dick Gearhart, our Alternate Delegate, will attend in Ron's place. It was moved by Ron, seconded by Gary, and approved that Dick will be our temporary Delegate, Phyris our Alternate Delegate, and Cindy Moore's expenses will also be paid if she chooses to attend since she will be the Chair of the Fall 2011 Conference sponsored by Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. Ron will let CRCEA know about the change of delegates.

**CRCEA Fall Conference Planning Report:** Alix, Kathy, and Eeve reported on looking for a hotel for next October's conference. So far they think the Doubletree in Rohnert Park is offering the best deal.

**Advertising in Newsletter:** Phyris asked our opinion of selling advertisement space in our Newsletter. Half-page ads could be sold for \$200 and quarter-page ads could be \$100. We could approach businesses such as the Redwood Credit Union to see if they are interested.

**Meeting Schedule for 2011:**

Board Meetings – 3/2, 5/4, 7/6, 9/7 and 11/2

General Membership Meetings – 2/22, 5/24, 8/30 and 11/29

Luncheons – 3/8, 6/7, 9/13, 12/6

**Local Pension Debate:** Do we take part in this debate? There was limited discussion on this. Per law, our basic pensions can't be changed, although COLAs can.

**Next Newsletter:** Articles and luncheon flier need to be sent to Lonna next week. A reminder will be sent out to the Board.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Hamley  
SCARE Secretary

**Upcoming Events:**

February 22 – Business Meeting – Veterans Building – 1 p.m.

March 2 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

March 8 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.

May 4 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

May 24 – Business Meeting – Veterans Building – 1 p.m.

June 7 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.

July 6 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

August 30 – Business Meeting – Veterans Building – 1 p.m.

September 7 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

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

November 2 – Board Meeting – 1 p.m.

November 29 – Business Meeting – Veterans Building – 1 p.m.

December 6 – Luncheon at Oakmont – 1 p.m.