

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, January 06, 2021
ZOOM Meeting – 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Carol Bauer, Chris Bauer, Shaun DuFosee, Cora Guy, Patty Hamley, John Pels, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, Phyris Tobler, and Kathy Young.
Absent: Lou Maricle and Ed Clites.

The Zoom Meeting was called to order by President Alix Shor.

1. Minutes:

It was moved by Kathy, seconded by Bill, and approved by all, that the Minutes of the November 04, 2020, Zoom Board Meeting are approved.

It was moved by Bill, seconded by Carol, and approved by all, that the Minutes of the December 09, 2020, Zoom Board Meeting are approved.

It was moved by Bill, seconded by Carol, and approved by all, that the Minutes of the December 21, 2020, Zoom Board Meeting are approved.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Bill submitted the December 31, 2020, Financial Statement and Proposed Budget for 2021.

Because of the amount of money in the bank, Phyris once again suggested that our monthly dues be lowered to \$3 per month. This will be reviewed at a later meeting.

It was moved by Shaun, seconded by John, and approved by all that the Treasurer's Report is accepted.

It was moved by Shaun, seconded by Kathy, and approved by all that the Proposed Budget for 2021 is accepted.

3. North Bay Labor Council COPE Awards:

For the record, the Board approved a motion taken by email to make a \$500 donation to the North Bay Labor Council COPE Awards event. The motion was made by Bill, seconded by Alix, and approved by all to ratify the email vote.

4. Welcome Back John Pels:

It was moved by Shaun, seconded by Bill, and approved by all, that John Pels be appointed to fill the vacancy on our SCARE Board. We now have a full Board.

5. Membership Survey:

Over 1,500 surveys were mailed out to the SCARE membership. Approximately 550 members have responded by mail. Carol, Chris, Cora, and Kathy are tabulating the responses. Kathy will do a summary for the February Newsletter.

There will be a Zoom Board Meeting on February 10 to discuss survey results.

6. Next Newsletter:

The deadline for articles for the February Newsletter is January 25. Articles need to be sent to Lonna or Phyris by that date. This is expected to be a fairly long Newsletter.

Phyris suggested that the printing of our Newsletter be switched over to color and got quotes for the additional cost – approximately \$500 for an 8-page newsletter and \$650 for 10 pages. It was moved by Phyris, seconded by Bill, and approved by all that future Newsletters will be printed in color. This will add approximately \$2,000 to \$2,500 to the cost of printing four Newsletters per year. Motion by Shaun, seconded by Phyris, and approved by all that the additional \$2,500 be added to the budget that was approved earlier.

7. SCARE Facebook Ground Rules:

Bob Bulwa and Paul Klonsky developed language for the SCARE Facebook Ground Rules. Bill reported that what they wrote was adequate. We don't need to do much more.

8. Speaker for February 23 Membership Zoom Meeting:

Cora has scheduled a Public Affairs Specialist for Social Security to be our guest speaker at this meeting and she will do an article for the Newsletter. Since Pacific Group Agencies will be sending out the open enrollment insurance booklets in March, Phyris will check to see if Steve Pettee will do a short presentation after the first speaker.

Alix and Kathy will set up the meeting on Zoom. A reminder of the meeting will be sent out three days before the meeting and posted on Facebook.

9. Pacific Group Agencies:

Insurance booklets will be mailed out in March to SCARE members and also to non-SCARE members. Phyris will contact Steve Pettee to work out details. She will also contact Julie Wyne (SCERA) to arrange to send booklet to non-members.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2021 Schedule:

February 23 – Zoom Membership Meeting 1 p.m.

March 3 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.

March 10 – Luncheon (canceled)

May 5 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.

May 25 – Membership Meeting 1 p.m.

June 9 – Luncheon (canceled)

July 7 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.

August 24 – Membership Meeting 1 p.m.

September 1 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.

September 8 – Luncheon

November 3 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.

November 16 – Membership Meeting

December 8 -- Luncheon