

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)  
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, March 6, 2019  
SCLEA Office, Santa Rosa – 1 p.m.

(Prior to the Board Meeting a delicious luncheon was served to the Board by Sally Gearhart, the widow of former Board Member Dick Gearhart. Thank You, Sally!)

**Board Members in Attendance:** Carol Bauer, Cora Guy, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, Phyris Tobler, and Kathy Young.

**Board Members Absent:** Ed Clites, Wendie Cooper, Shaun DuFosee

The Meeting was called to order by President Alix Shor.

- 1. Minutes:** It was moved by Lou, seconded by Bill, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the January 2, 2019, Board Meeting are approved.
- 2. Treasurer's Report:** Bill distributed the February Financial Statement to the Board Members via email. There was a discussion of the fact that we are likely going to have to spend more for the CRCEA Conference than we had previously budgeted. Carol is working on a budget for the conference, and we will review this again when we have a better idea of the costs.
- 3. New Board Member:** Kathy Young attended today's meeting as she is interested in joining our Board. It was moved by Carol, seconded by Cora, and agreed by all that Kathy Young be appointed to the SCARE Board. Kathy retired from the Human Services Department and still does some extra-help work for that department. Welcome, Kathy!
- 4. CRCEA Conference Planning:** Carol reported a contract has been signed with the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park for the CRCEA Fall Conference October 27-30. Carol and Alix will be traveling to San Diego to attend their Spring Conference April 14-17 and talk to their Board Members. It was reported that Marin County spent \$7,000 of their own money on their conference last Fall.

Alix and Carol met with Bob Bulwa, who will be contacting speakers for our conference. Phyris will handle Registration. Requests for donations will be sent out to labor organizations, et al.

Ed Clites will check on getting someone to sing America the Beautiful at the beginning of the conference and Kathy Young will get someone for the Invocation.

## **5. Strategic Planning:**

Membership Survey: The Membership Survey still needs some work before it can be sent out.

Note: Phyris mentioned we haven't done anything about one of the goals we had set some time ago – educating the public regarding the value of public pensions – and questioned whether we have the energy to take on a lot more right now, like the survey.

Independent Citizens Pension Committee (ICPC) Report: Bill Robotka reported on the meetings he and Ed Clites have been attending.

**6. SCCLLO Report:** Bill reported all labor organizations are in the process of bargaining.

**7. JLMBC Report:** Phyris reported Open Enrollment will be March 18 – April 5. They were not able to get the County to reduce their increase to the CHP premiums, so it is increasing almost 6%. They were able to get Kaiser to drop their planned increase of 12.2% for those under 65 to 9.9%.

**8. Retiring Board Members:** Bob Bulwa and John Pels recently resigned from the SCARE Board. Per our policy, a gift certificate in the amount of \$150 will be presented to each. John Pels has requested a Starbucks gift card. Bob will be contacted for his preference.

**9. Speaker for Next Membership Meeting:** Carol will ask Bob Bulwa to contact the Council on Aging to see if they have a speaker available for our Membership Meeting on May 28.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Patty Hamley, SCARE Secretary

**Upcoming Events**

March 13 – Luncheon – Legends

May 1 – Board Meeting

May 28 – Membership Meeting – Steele Lane

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