

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Manzanita Room, Finley Center, 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ed Clites, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, Phyris Tobler, and Kathy Young

Zoom Attendees: Shaun DuFosee, John Pels, Bill Robotka, and Alix Shor

Absent: Carol Bauer, Chris Bauer, and Cora Guy

1. Approve Minutes of May 4, 2022, Zoom Board Meeting: It was moved by Bill, seconded by Kathy, and approved by all present that the Minutes of the May 4, 2022, Zoom Board Meeting are approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: Former Treasurer Bill Robotka is filling in while Chris (and Carol) Bauer are in Alaska for several months. There was \$50,000 in checking so \$40,000 was transferred into a Money Market account. The eight-month CD is giving 1% at present. The five-year CD is giving 1.75%. Interest rates are still low so holding off on putting money into CDs.

3. Donation to CARA Conference in October: It was moved by Lou, seconded by John, and approved by all that SCARE once again donate \$1,000 to the California Association of Retired Americans Conference in October.

4. Donation to Support UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education Pension Report: It was moved by Bill, seconded by John, and approved by all that SCARE donate \$2,000 towards a study group focused on the Sonoma County Employees Retirement Association. They will be looking at investment returns, how COLAs work, and why it is so difficult to give us a COLA. This is also supported by the North Bay Labor Council and SCCLO.

5. Scholarship Update: It was moved by Bill, seconded by Ed, and approved by all that we add spouses/domestic partners to the Eligibility List for SRJC and Sonoma State SCARE Scholarships (currently only children and grandchildren of employees and retirees are eligible). SRJC has not yet given out scholarships for this year nor have they billed us for the balance due for this year.

6. May 24th Membership Meeting – How Did It Go? There were problems with the Owl for the Zoom attendees. (They had a hard time understanding the speaker.) We need to use a microphone and speaker and will get those for the next meeting. We also thought that the

internet service at Finley might not be strong enough for Zoom and Meeting Owl to work properly, so Lou will explore getting a “hot spot” that we can use. Kathy moved to purchase a microphone, speaker, and hot spot. John seconded the motion, and it was approved by all. Those who attended the luncheon meeting enjoyed the food provided (boxed lunches.)

7. Continue Providing Food for the August 23rd Membership Meeting? It was moved by Kathy, seconded by John, and approved by all that we serve food for those attending. We will need to pre-order if we are serving boxed lunches. After discussion, Kathy made a motion that we have a raffle for those attending (\$10, \$15, \$25) and another raffle for those attending via Zoom (\$10, \$15, \$25). John seconded the motion, and it was approved by all. We will give gift cards instead of checks.

8. Will We Have a Picnic in the Fall? No, not this year.

9. Speaker for August 23rd Membership Meeting: Cora is on vacation but has made arrangements for a speaker from Recology, Kate Gialketsis, to speak on new bill, SB393.

10. SCCLLO, ICPC, NBLC: SCCLLO and NBLC were discussed under Item No. 4. ICPC is inactive.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2022 Schedule:

August 23 – Membership Meeting
September 7 – Board Meeting
November 2 – Board Meeting
November 15 – Membership Meeting
December 7 – Holiday Luncheon?