

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, July 7, 2021
ZOOM Meeting – 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Ed Clites, Shaun DuFosee, Cora Guy, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, John Pels, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, and Kathy Young

Absent: Carol and Chris Bauer, Phyris Tobler

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

1. Minutes: It was moved by Bill, seconded by John, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the May 5th Board Meeting and May 25th Membership Meeting are approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: Bill reported there was a slight increase in our account balance. Still holding funds in Money Market awaiting improvement in CD rates.

3. Update on Filing 2020 IRS Taxes: After completing our tax returns, Phyris learned they have to be electronically filed. She has filed for an extension and will complete this process next month.

4. Speaker for August 24th Membership Zoom Meeting: Cora has scheduled a representative from County Parks to speak about their parks that are enjoyed by the public in Sonoma County.

5. Membership Meetings: Patty reported she, Bill, Kathy, and Phyris toured the Finley Center meeting rooms on June 9th and reserved the Cypress Room, pending approval by the Board today.

SCARE had \$961 on deposit at the Steele Lane Community Center. Finley Center deducted \$100 from this deposit in order for us to reserve the Cypress Room for our November 16th Membership Meeting. Food is usually not allowed in that room because of the carpet, but they are making an exception if we try to prevent floor damage.

It was decided that we would have circular tables with chairs, rather than chairs only.

It was moved by Bill, seconded by John, and approved by all that we hold our November 16th Membership Meeting in the Finley Center Cypress Room.

6. Membership Survey Results: Kathy reported on the survey results. Suggestions included having food (sandwiches) at Membership Meetings, raffles, nametags with department name, zoom for those who could not attend the meetings, etc.

- 7. Donation to Food Bank & Council on Aging:** It was moved by Shaun, seconded by John, and approved by all that we donate \$2,500, each, to the Food Bank and the Council on Aging.
- 8. CARA Zoom Convention October 26 & 27th:** It was moved by Bill, seconded by Shaun, and approved by all that we donate \$1,000. It includes a half-page ad in the program for CARA's convention.
- 9. Donation to United Way of the Wine Country Campaign:** It was moved by John, seconded by Lou, and approved by all that we donate \$1,000 to the United Way of the Wine Country Campaign. Phyris and Alix will coordinate with SCERA and the United Way to promote this campaign in our next Newsletter.
- 10. Donation to Ceres Community Project:** It was moved by Bill, seconded by Lou, and approved by all that \$1,000 be donated to the Ceres Community Project in Sebastopol. Ceres provides meals "made with love for those facing a serious illness like cancer, diabetes or congestive heart failure."
- 11. CRCEA Conference November 7 – November 10 – Long Beach:** Carol Bauer is our designated CRCEA representative. If there is a full-on convention (to be determined by September 30) it was moved by Bill, seconded by John, and approved by all that SCARE pay for Carol and Chris to attend.
- 12. Lack of Adequate Retiree Representation on SCERA Board:** There was a discussion about the new SCERA Board member elected last December to represent retirees (promising to try to get COLAs). Since SCARE has not had contact with him, it was decided that it would be helpful to SCARE to have our Board member, John Pels (who has been on the SCERA Board for many years), attend the SCERA meetings so that he could bring information back to us and represent SCARE if there are any issues we would like him to present to the SCERA Board members.
- 13. JLMBC:** Bill reported nothing is going on at this time. The June meeting was canceled.
- 14. SCCLO:** Bill reported they are very focused on return-to-work issues. Functioning well together.
- 15. ICPC:** Next meeting August 5th.
- 16. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2021 Schedule:

August 24 – Membership Zoom Meeting 1 p.m.
September 1 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.
November 3 – Board Meeting 1 p.m.
November 16 – Membership Meeting (Finley Center)
December 8 -- Luncheon