

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting, Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Manzanita Room, Finley Center, 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Shaun DuFosee, Cora Guy, Patty Hamley, Lou Maricle, Bill Robotka, and Kathy Young

Zoom Attendees: Carol Bauer, Chris Bauer, John Pels, Alix Shor, Phyris Tobler

Absent: Ed Clites,

1. Approve Minutes of September 7, 2022, Board Meeting: It was moved by Bill, seconded by Cora, and agreed by all to approve the Minutes of the September 7, 2022, Board Meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of August 23, 2022, Membership Meeting: Phyris is writing an article for our Newsletter regarding this Zoom Membership Meeting with Heather De Oliveira, a member of Recology's Waste Zero Team, as guest speaker, so she agreed to do minutes, but they are not done yet.

3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Chris Bauer reported that he will be moving some money from our Money Market account to cds since the interest rate on cds has gone up.

4. Approve \$500 Donation to Annual Cope Holiday Dinner (we get 1/2 Page Ad in Program): This donation was moved by Bill, seconded by Shaun, and approved by all.

5. Feedback on Zoom CRCEA Conference: Waiting for info from Carol.

6. Zoom, OWL, Computer Update: Don Peterson helped Kathy Young and Shaun DuFosee get things set up and operating for today's meeting. It was moved by Bill, seconded by Chris, and approved by all that Don be paid \$125 for the 2-1/2 hours he spent helping Kathy and Shaun and also approved payment if he helps with the Nov. Membership Meeting. We need a "hot spot" to get the OWL to work more effectively. Lou is getting one.

7. MailChimp Mailing Problem: Alix reported MailChimp keeps track of people who unsubscribe and will not allow them to be added to the mailing list even if they tell us they do not want to unsubscribe. Alix is getting around this by sending info out to those people separately. Ok for now as there are not that many. Some members are not opening emails of Newsletter but there is nothing we can do about that.

8. Speakers for February Membership Meeting:

After considerable effort and outreach to the Buck Institute and 2 cancelled presentations, no current negotiations are underway. The outreach coordinator advised me that COVID and staff shortages have hampered their outreach efforts, but they will be hiring more staff in the near term and a presentation

could be possible in the future. I asked that they contact if that becomes possible. She said she would pursue a travel agent/ agency for a presentation at the February meeting as stories in the press have reported that travel has picked up considerably since late summer/ fall and is expected to return to pre pandemic levels in 2023. Suggestions for speakers for future meetings were the Volunteer Center, United Policy Holders, Services at Home, AAA Travel, Oakmont Travel Company re COVID planning, cruises, and having a successful trip, Estate Planning through Council on Aging.

9. JLMBC: There may be increases of 5%-6% for non-Medicare retirees. We will get more information in December. RFP for dental was issued and Bill is on committee reviewing proposals. Five or six proposals were submitted.

10. SCCLO: Bill reported Coalition is in bargaining. Pension and COLA in forefront.

11. ICPC: Bill reported nothing is happening with this committee.

12. SCARE Board Member Election: Half of the SCARE Board Members' terms of office will expire at the end of 2022: President Alix Shor, Secretary Patty Hamley, Directors-at-Large Ed Clites, Shaun DuFosee, Cora Guy, and Kathy Young. Alix reported she will be resigning. She will be listed as Past President on our roster and will continue to work on Mail Chimp. Jane Paul may join the Board. Patty, Cora, and Kathy are staying. Ed and Shaun will be contacted.

13. November 15th Membership Meeting (1 p.m. Finley Center): Julie Wyne, Chief Executive Officer of the Sonoma County Employees Retirement Association (SCERA) will be the Guest Speaker.

14. SRJC Scholarships: Ed was not able to attend this meeting but sent report by email. SRJC only gave out 2 scholarships instead of the 3 that are authorized. This even though Ed had referred 10 eligible applicants to the JC. They had unused money left from last year and haven't asked for more. The Board felt that the JC should give out what is authorized (three \$1,500 scholarships). We wondered if the JC could give out the remaining money available in the Spring semester. Ed plans to meet with JC staff to try to sort out what is happening and Phyris agreed to pass this info on to him.

15. Meeting Schedule for 2023:

January 4 -- Board Meeting – Manzanita Room
February 28 -- Membership Meeting – Cypress Room
March 1 -- Board Meeting – Manzanita Room
May 3 -- Board Meeting – Manzanita Room
May 23 -- Membership Meeting – Cypress Room
July 12 – Board Meeting – Manzanita Room
August 22 – Membership Meeting – Cypress Room
September 6 – Board Meeting – Manzanita Room
November 1 – Board Meeting – Manzanita Room
November 28 – Membership Meeting -- Cypress

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

