

SONOMA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES (SCARE)
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Minutes of SCARE Board Meeting of Wednesday, November 3, 2021
ZOOM Meeting – 1 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Carol Bauer, Shaun DuFosee, Cora Guy, Patty Hamley, John Pels, Bill Robotka, Alix Shor, Phyris Tobler, and Kathy Young

Absent: Chris Bauer, Ed Clites. Lou Maricle

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

1. Minutes of September 7th Board Meeting: It was moved by Bill, seconded by Kathy, and agreed by all that the Minutes of the September 7th Meeting are approved.

2. Minutes of August 24th Membership Meeting: It was moved by Kathy, seconded by Phyris, and approved by all (except Bill, Carol, and John, who abstained because they were absent) that the Minutes of the August 24th Membership Meeting are approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Bill emailed his October Financial Statement to the Board Members. Everything is stable and looking good.

It was moved by Bill, seconded by John, and approved by all that a \$500 donation be made to COPE's fundraiser.

4. SCERA Report:

Lou checked our database report against SCERA's database. SCERA has been collecting dues from two women who were never entered in the SCARE database and have therefore never received any information from SCARE. We have received \$630 in dues from one and \$145 from the other. It was moved by Phyris, seconded by John, and approved by all that \$630 be reimbursed to Lynda Kimberly Larsen and \$145 be reimbursed to Larissa Vallier.

Since we do not have them in our database, we will need to send the checks along with a letter through SCERA. Phyris will prepare letters and contact SCERA. Patty will ask SCERA to terminate their SCARE membership.

5. Policy for Making Donations:

There was a discussion about creating a policy for the money donations we are making. We recently had a request to make a \$1,500 donation to R-Hoops, an after-school program for children. It was moved by Shaun, seconded by Bill, and approved by all that we donate \$500.

We will be discussing our policy at our December 8th Board Meeting at the Finley Center. Donations are normally limited to services to or advocacy for seniors.

6. Zoom Account for Kathy:

Kathy will be taking our Zoom activities over from Alix. SCARE will pay for Kathy to have a corporate account. In July 2022 the cost will be \$157.40.

7. SCERA Update:

John reported he has been attending the SCERA meetings. Tim Tuscany has also been attending, but we have not yet received a report from him for our Newsletter. It was suggested that we invite Tim to our Board Meeting in March.

John reported there has been a big turnover in staff at SCERA. Julie Wyne may be retiring within the next five years. The planning session has been moved to spring.

8. CRCEA Proposed By-Law Changes:

Carol reported CRCEA will be adding an Executive Secretary position. Our Board has no objection to this change.

9. Speakers for November 16th Membership Zoom Meeting:

Cora has arranged for two speakers on the subject of “Frauds and Scams: How to Protect Yourself and Services to Assist Victims”. The Zoom meeting starts at 1 p.m.

Cora has also contacted the Buck Institute to see if they would speak at our February meeting.

10. Membership Survey Results Continued:

Nothing new on this.

11. JLMBC:

Phyris reported not much is happening. There is a Request for Proposals pending for the prescription portion of the County Health Plan.

12. SCCLLO:

Bill reported the Coalition of Labor Organizations Retirement Committee is entering into discussions with the County. Medicare Part B reimbursement benefit (\$96.40) is being discussed. Safety folks gave up the Part B reimbursement and get a flat \$500/month going into Retiree Medical Trust (DSA) or HRA (SCLEA)

13. ICPC:

Bill reported the August 8 and November 11 meetings were canceled.

14. North Bay Labor Council:

A study was done by a UC Berkeley researcher of whether pension cost was justified by the fact that employees for Marin County get paid less than private employees with similar education and training. The research showed that the public employees were paid less, which helped to offset the cost of pensions. Additionally, it showed that defined benefit pensions were more cost effective than 401(k)s.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Hamley, Secretary

2021 Schedule:

November 16 – Membership Zoom Meeting

December 8 – Board Meeting, Manzanita Room, Finley Center 1 p.m.

2022 Schedule:

January 5 – Board Meeting

February 22 – Membership Zoom Meeting

March 2 – Board Meeting

May 4 – Board Meeting

May 24 – Membership Meeting

June 8 – Luncheon (Picnic?)

July 6 – Board Meeting

August 23 – Membership Meeting

November 2 – Board Meeting

November 15 – Membership Meeting

December 7 – Holiday Luncheon

