

**Redding Newcomers and Friends**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**10/19/2021, 10 AM, Paris Park Clubhouse, Redding, CA**

**President Freddie Martin** called the meeting to order and thanked Romona Bowling for supplying the refreshments.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**1st VP Diane Silver** reported several potential members had made email enquiries but were hesitating to come to the new members coffee meeting due to covid fears. Lynn Smith volunteered to supply refreshments at the November 3rd coffee.

**2nd VP Linda Eyre** announced that Trisha Funk from the Financial Center will be the guest speaker at the General Meeting. She hopes to receive confirmation from Jake Mangus from the City of Redding for the next presentation.

**Secretary Jan Haskell** read the minutes from the previous Board Meeting. They were approved with a change to the New Business information to include “no **club subsidized** lunch” at the Christmas Charities event.

**Treasurer Karen Coupe-Bonnet** stated that the checking account balance is \$9872.80 and the savings account balance is \$6288.12.

**Financial Secretary Peggy Niswander** announced that the Federal and California State tax forms had been filed. The 2021-2022 fiscal year budget was presented to the board. Freddie had been able to confirm that the Elks media package and the coffee and tea service were free of charge. **The motion to approve the budget was made by Karen Coupe-Bonnet, seconded by Carol Skill,** and approved with all “Ayes”.

**Membership Chair Ruth Plato** announced that current membership stands at 305 members.

**Parliamentarian Mary Forbes** presented a newspaper clipping from 1963 containing an article about Newcomers. She asked if the club could create a position for an Historian who would archive any old photos and materials held by various members. **Sharon Roberts** stated that she gave a scrapbook full of old Newcomers memorabilia to Adda Gripp. The scrapbook came to her through Maxine Thurman's daughter after Maxine passed. It was suggested that a volunteer who could digitize this information would be requested at the General Meeting. **Cheryl Zeh** plans to create an article for the Welcome Mat tentatively titled "A Peek at the Past" as a way to share these treasures with the members.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Sunshine Chair Sharon Chesnut** said it had been a relatively quiet month. Her full report will appear in the Welcome Mat.

**Carol Skill** addressed the conflicting schedules of the **Kitchen Kapers** and **Redd Thumb** and stressed that it would only be a one time exception due to the fact that Redd Thumb had only recently restarted.

**Lynn Smith of Christmas Charities** announced that the raffle tickets and the lunch tickets will be on sale at the November General Meeting. A beautiful quilt created by the Quilt and Friends group will be part of the raffle.

**Cheryl Zeh** announced that "Wednesday Hand and Foot" has been removed from the calendar due to lack of interest and that the regular Hand and Foot will fill in the Wednesday slot.

**President Freddie Martin** announced that **Carol Whitney** has agreed to return to the **Storyteller** position for our General Meetings. Freddie

requested volunteers for greeters at the General Meeting and Ruth Plato and Diane Silver volunteered to do so. She also addressed a question about the canned food drives previously held at each General Meeting. It has been decided that a drive-thru food collection will be held in January.

**Scholarship Chair Cheryl Zeh** said that the Shasta College Scholarship recipients would be invited to attend the General Meeting in January. In 2022 the applications will be accepted in May and the awards given in May.

**President Freddie** then read a letter of resignation from **Fashion Show Chairs Marge Floyd and Janie La Croix**. The letter pointed out that the Fashion Show would not be financially viable due to the effect of the Corona Virus on attendance. It was agreed to remove the event from the calendar and to have our regular General Meeting at the Elks Club in April. Freddie will notify the Elks of the date.

**Sharon Roberts** confirmed that the date for the next Board Meeting will be the third Tuesday, Nov 16th.

**President Freddie** stepped in as Storyteller with a reading of the obituary for the Pillsbury Dough Boy. We all “kneaded” a kleenex!

**The meeting was adjourned by President Freddie Martin.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Haskell, Secretary

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