

Redding Newcomers and Friends
Board of Directors Meeting
03/15/2022, 10 AM, Paris Park Clubhouse, Redding, CA

President Freddie Martin called the meeting to order and thanked Jan Haskell for supplying the refreshments.

OFFICER REPORTS

1st VP Diane Silver reported that there were 12 people at the **New Members Coffee** including 4 new members who joined that day.

2nd VP Linda Eyre announced that Blake Fisher, Program Coordinator for Viva Downtown Redding, will be our guest speaker at the next General Meeting. Patty Suaret commented there were a number of members talking during last month's guest speaker and suggested a reminder to silence your cell phones and refrain from conversations during the presentation. She also commented on the glare coming through the windows behind the board seating making it difficult to focus. It was noted that the drapes can be fully closed or the officer's tables can be moved. Johnnie Hansen volunteered to do some preliminary searches for a new venue more suited to our needs.

Secretary Jan Haskell read the Minutes of the previous board meeting which were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer Karen Coupe-Bonnett stated that the checking account balance for March was \$8995.44, and savings account balance was \$6288.27

Financial Secretary Peggy Niswander alerted the board that it was time to reapply for the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance and of the

possibility of a cost increase. Patty Suaret made the **motion** to approve the reapplication for the Directors and Officers Liability Insurance which was seconded by Johnnie Hansen and approved with all Ayes.

Membership Chair Ruth Plato announced that our membership total is 325.

ACTIVITY CHAIR REPORTS

Joan Tornett reported a date change for the next **Redd Thumb** meeting. It will be held on Monday April 4th for the month or April only.

Pam Albo of Soup for Six is still on the lookout for hostesses. Lynn Smith volunteered.

Patty Suaret of Luncheon Party requested a last minute volunteer for cooking 24 desserts at the next party. Pam Albo volunteered to fill in. Patty also said there were openings for the luncheon and Vicki Burroughs offered to call some of the new members. Patty noted that in the guidelines for the Luncheon Party a limit of \$10.00 is mentioned. It becomes increasingly difficult to keep the cost of ingredients down that low as prices rise at the grocery store. She wants to raise that amount to \$12.00 which was agreed upon by the board. Patty will amend the Guidelines.

NEW BUSINESS

Johnnie Hansen, head of the Nominations Committee, presented a full slate of officer candidates to the board. The recommended slate is as follows:

President	Lucinda Williams
1st VP	Rhonda Hodgson
2nd VP	Linda Eyre
Secretary	Susan Sechrist
Financial Secretary	Peggy Niswander
Treasurer	Karen Coupe Bonnett
Membership	Ruth Plato

The committee members are Johnnie Hanson, Arlene Hascall, Susan Frese, Janet Giddings, and Bonita Gordon. Johnnie will prepare a statement for the Welcome Mat announcing that nominations are still being accepted if members are interested in serving on the board.

The **motion** to approve the nominations for the proposed slate of officers for 2022-2023 was made by Carol Skill, seconded by Lynn Smith and approved with all eyes.

Adda Gripp asked for a discussion of the quality of lunches at the Elks club. There have been complaints about the food and coffee, and the caterer is not consistently available on Mondays. It was generally decided that lunches would no longer be offered to members through the end of this year, though there is a possibility of ordering off of the Elks Club menu. Sharon Roberts also mentioned that there may be an issue with use of the sound system at the Elks due to the Rotary Club moving their venue. We have been using the Rotary system. Jan Haskell volunteered to haul our old sound system to the meetings if needed.

Gerri Smith presented ideas for the **Autumn Event**. One idea was dinner at the Sons of Italy, and the other much more reasonably priced option was at the Igo Inn. This event will be part of next year's budget. The Igo Inn venue was considered more acceptable. Adda has plans for a Mystery Dinner theme. Pam Albo made the **motion** to allocate the \$400 budget for the Autumn Event, Patty Suaret seconded the motion and it was approved with all Ayes.

Vicki Burroughs presented budget options for the **Summer Celebration** on June 27th. \$25 tickets will be on sale at the April and May General Meetings. Barbara Cervantes of BC Catering will be providing the food which will be Charcuterie Cups, Chicken Asparagus Crepes with a Vegetarian Option, Salad, Rolls and Butter, and Dessert Cupcakes. Costs budgeted for Supplies and Entertainment of \$314.78 was within the budget already set aside from previous year. After discussion it was decided that the 8 volunteer servers would be happy with a \$5.00 drink voucher to the Elks bar in lieu of a meal, cutting \$162.96 from the budget. Gerri Smith made the **motion** to accept the proposed budget for the Summer Celebration. The motion was seconded by Sharon Roberts. Peggy Niswander made a **motion** to allocate an extra \$120.00 to the Summer Celebration budget, Carol Skill seconded the motion and it was passed with all Ayes. Cheryl Zeh will include Celebration details and ticket information in April and May's Welcome Mat, and will include where to mail in checks.

Cheryl Zeh stated that she has chosen Fran Roberts to be the Liaison to Shasta College for our **Scholarship Fund**.

Carol Skill requested and received permission to send an email to our members regarding the Memorial Service for Shirley Davis.

Freddie Martin closed the meeting with her story of 20 privileged penguins on outings to the zoo and movies.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Haskell, Secretary

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