

PRESIDENT, LUCINDA WILLIAMS, called the Board Meeting to order at 10 am at her home. Peggy Niswander thanked her for hosting and providing coffee & treats. Andi Winters brought apples to share also. 18 present.

ROMONA BOWLING, SECRETARY, read the Oct 17, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were approved with a correction to the wording on the Financial Report to “Tax Returns (990)”. The approved Minutes will be posted on the Website by Sharon & Carol.

MICKEY MARTIN, TREASURER, stated our Checking Account is \$14,886.79 and our Savings Account is \$6,289.32. She reported the checks cleared \$852.31 and deposits made \$381.00. Report approved as read is attached to these minutes. **A MOTION TO REQUIRE ONLY ONE SIGNATURE ON THE CHECK WRITTEN TO THE NON-PROFIT FOR THE CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM NEWCOMER MEMBERS ON THE DAY OF THE COLLECTIONS BY THE “WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE” CHAIRS WAS MADE BY PEGGY NISWANDER AND SECONDED BY PAT DEEM. MOTION WAS APPROVED. NOTE: The Cash Counter form will have 2 signatures. A MOTION WAS MADE BY SUSAN SECHRIST, SECONDED BY KAREN COUPE-BONNETT TO TRANSFER THE \$920 DISCOUNT MONEY FROM WIN RIVER INTO THE SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT FOR 2023-2024. MOTION APPROVED.**

PEGGY NISWANDER, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, reported the Audit that was completed for June, July & August was substantially accurate. A correction on a money transfer was made. Peggy stated in the future, no cash or checks can be received by Newcomers as charitable donations as the Club is a 501(C) (4). A recommendation was made that all Cash Counter Forms have 2 signatures on them. A recommendation was made that Event Reports are due to the Financial Secretary within 2 weeks after the event. **Peggy Niswander made a Motion, Seconded by Susan Sechrist to add the following DISCLAIMER permanently to the monthly Welcome Mat and it will be added to our Website:**

REDDING NEWCOMERS and FRIENDS CLUB IS A 501 (C) (4) ORGANIZATION. Any contribution to the organization is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution. MOTION APPROVED. Welcome Mat placement location to be decided by Editors.

SUSAN SECHRIST, 1ST VP, reported the Coffee this month at Sherry Varga’s clubhouse had 5 potential new members. Next month’s Coffee will be at Barb Schuller’s on Dec 6.

ELIZABETH SHERMAN, 2nd VP, reported on the upcoming speakers for the General Meetings: Nov – Soroptimists, Jan – Mike Kruger, Feb - Whiskeytown Environment School: Franchesca Hudson, Speaker. Details to be in the Welcome Mat.

LUCINDA REPORTING FOR RUTH MARKS, MEMBERSHIP, stated we have 258 members.

SHARON CHESTNUT, SUNSHINE INFO in the Welcome Mat. Sharon Roberts updated Carol Skill’s progress.

SHARON ROBERTS & CAROL SKILL – WEBSITE UPDATES: SHARON & CAROL are working with the Website Manager on correcting the “rolodex” on our Website that has wrong ages for our members. Sharon also stated Rosters are on the Website and the mailed ones to members without computer access is being done. Carol & Sharon are working on the Club’s email address for Wel/Mat info to be received by the “Editors”. **The Editors are: Andi Winters, Romona Bowling, Karen Coupe-Bonnett, Annie Odgen, (and a new member) and Joann Tornai as Proof Reader. The Editors will meet at end of Nov. to discuss assignments.**

LUCINDA asked for Assistants for our Webmistresses (they have been doing this job for 15 years). If interested, contact Sharon Roberts or Carol Skill.

JOYCE MENTA & JOANN ROSKOSKI, We “CAN” were not present. The Info is in the Welcome Mat.

NEW BUSINESS:

LOUISE WILSON, COMMUNITY TABLE CHAIR, said she will bring December's Enjoy Magazines to the Christmas Charities Meeting and put them near the Check-In Table. Our Members really like getting this magazine.

LUCINDA WILLIAMS updated the Board on the Elks rent increase of \$25 (now \$125 per mtg in half room). Christmas Charities rent for whole room will be \$250.

LUCINDA also told her plans to be gone 11/16 to 12/1 and most of Jan & Feb. It was suggested that "past presidents" be asked to fill in if Susan Seachrist needs them.

OLD BUSINESS:

SCHOLARSHIP – GERRI SMITH gave an overview of the Scholarship Committee's meeting. The Committee is Gerri Smith, Peggy Niswander, Elizabeth Sherman, Romona Bowling, Pam Albo & Carol Skill. Gerri Smith asked for Board Approval to pursue the following sources of potential scholarship candidates: **One Safe Place, The House of Hope, and an In-House Newcomers Members' family: Daughters, Granddaughters, Nieces. A MOTION WAS MADE BY PAT DEEM , SECONDED BY SUSAN SECHRIST FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO PURSUE THESE SOURCES . MOTION APPROVED.** A discussion was held on changing not requiring candidates to be a re-enter student, how scholarship monies will be paid directly to the school the student will be attending, and our Website will have all the info and the applications available when the Committee has completed the process. Next Committee meeting will be Jan 8. Committee will bring results to the Board.

SHARON ROBERTS & GERRY CARROLL, CHRISTMAS CHARITIES: Sharon reported that she and Gerry have finalized the plans for Christmas Charities: A nice lunch menu is planned, cost is \$18, tickets sold at Nov 9 General Meeting or mail your check, made out to Redding Newcomers, to Sharon Roberts by Dec 1. Also advance Raffle Tickets sales will be at Nov 9 General Meeting. More Raffle Tickets will be sold on Dec 11. Raffle Tickets are for Raffle items and the Quilt. Tickets are \$5 for 10 and \$10 for 25. The Christmas Quilt will be displayed also at Nov 9 G/M . There will be a \$50 Door-Prize. Doors will open at 9:30 for Members on Dec 11. Workers will set up at 9:00. Greeters at the door will receive the Members' Raffle Items and Cookies from 9 to 9:30. Plans are made if weather is bad. A mass email will be sent out with Lunch details. Andi Winters will put Christmas Charities on the W/M calendar for December instead of Gen Mtg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY, NOV 9 – AT THE ELKS – GREETERS: REDD THUMB

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, DEC 5 – AT LYNN SMITH'S

DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING **CHRISTMAS CHARITIES MONDAY, DEC 11 – DOORS OPEN 9:30**

Meeting adjourned at 12:00

Minutes submitted by Romona Bowling, Secretary