

Redding Newcomers and Friends Board Meeting August 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Ruth Plato at 10:00 am. Everyone was welcomed and members introduced themselves. Gerri Smith was thanked for hosting.

Carol Slick moved that Trish Sakata be installed as the 1st Vice-President. The motion was approved. She will be replacing Susie Smith as one of the three signatures on the Redding Newcomers and Friends Club savings and checking accounts at Tri-Counties Bank.

The minutes of the Mary 21st Board meeting was read and approved.

Mickey Martin, treasurer, reported a checking balance of \$20,521.52 and savings account of \$6,289.77. \$502.50 was deposited and nine checks were received totaling \$1379.36. There was a deposit of \$500 from Winn River for the fashion show. This will be the last time WR does this as we are not a 501C3, The WR bill for the June meeting was \$1,020.40. The Scholarship fund is \$5,237.35. Some money will be distributed in September for scholarships and the rest saved until next year. Usually the scholarships would be awarded in May which accounts for more money in the account.

Peggy Niswander will send a financial statement later.

Elizabeth Sherman reported that the speaker at the September General Membership meeting will be Erin Ross who is the Communications and Asset Ambassador @ K2 Development Companies. She invited suggestions for future programs. The police department and fire department were suggested as resources.

Karen Coupe-Bonnet reported there are currently 269 members but is expecting more when the new year starts. We have three new members who have already contacted us. Trish Sakata asked for volunteers to offer their homes for the New Member coffees. The first is to be held on September 4 at 10:00 am at Mickey Martin's home. Program chairs will be invited to attend so

they can acquaint the new/prospective members with the activities we have to offer.

Andi Winters and Romona Bowling shared some items to consider for the Welcome Mat. They plan to change the submission date to be earlier in the month to allow for editing and verification of events. The Rules and Regulations for Newcomers have been updated and will be reviewed by the Board at a future Board meeting. A discussion came to the conclusion that rather than putting them in the Welcome Mat they could be sent at the same time. There will be a reference to let members know they are available. Another possible way to disseminate the information is to have copies available at the meetings. This was agreed as a better solution. Those members who receive the Welcome Mat by mail would receive them that way as well.

Carol Skill and Sharon Roberts reminded us that the website is the way for people to learn about us and for our members to know what is happening. They would like to update pictures. Sending them as attachments to Sharon is preferred.

Sharon Chestnut and Ame Dodge (Sunshine Committee) learn about members needing cards and/or phone calls from members. With permission they put their names in the Welcome Mat. There are some concerns about not knowing about the need during the dark months (July and August). They would like to discuss this in the future with the Board so it was tabled. The policy for death of member or spouse was discussed. The present practice is to make a donation to the scholarship fund. It was moved by Wendy Hall and seconded by Marion Volgberg that the amount should be raised to \$50. Motion carried.

Ninety-eight tickets were sold for the Summer Celebration.

Freddie Martin presented idea that the club needs more ways for members to get together. In January there will be a meeting to plan a Kentucky Derby party event to be held in May/late April. Ideas so far are to have desserts, food trucks, members providing their own libations, with games being offered. It is

felt the event should be limited to 100. Other ideas suggested were a garden party or a Red Thumb event.

A new club is already getting a lot of attention. What Are You Reading ? Is on the first Thursday of the month for members who would like to share what they think is worth reading. Future Welcome Mats will have the information about that.

Vicki Burroughs/Activities Coordinator is requesting that activities have sign-in sheets so membership can be recognized. She would appreciate continuing communication regarding participation.

December 12 is the buy-out at Riverfront Playhouse. Romona will be selling tickets at the October board and general membership meetings. The price is \$12 and there is a limit of four tickets per person

Carol Whitney shared a story and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Judy Keniston/Secretary

Corrected/Approved at the September Board Meeting