

## Redding Newcomers and Friends Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

Notes taken by Trish Sakata, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

The board meeting was called to order by Ruth Plato, President, at 10:03 AM

Ruth thanks Trudy Robeiro for hosting the meeting and requested that all members present silence cell phones.

Trish Sakata, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, read the board meeting minutes from the April Board Meeting. Minutes were approved.

Mickey Martin, Treasurer, reported as follows: Checking Account currently has a balance of \$16,875.60 and Savings Account currently has a balance of \$6,290.22. Deposits were made for a total of \$4,923.00 : Membership \$1,845.00, Kentucky Derby \$1,125.00, Fashion Show \$1,313.00, Red Apple \$23.00, We Can Make a Difference \$617.00. Checks written totaled \$493.99: Anderson Trophy \$19.05 (owed from January), Raising Shasta \$10.00 (We Can Make a Difference cash short error of \$10.00), Elks \$125.00, Anderson Trophy \$14.29 for Badges, Nor Cal Printing \$116.09 for April Welcome Mat, Vicki Burrows \$121.99 for Fashion Show Decorations, Cheryl Zeh \$67.57 for Fashion Show Program Inserts. Win River donated \$1,210.22 for Fashion Show.

Trish Sakata, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, reported that the New Member Coffee for May was held on May 7, 2025. It was hosted by Ramona Bowling and was attended by four (4) members and unfortunately zero (0) new members. There will be no New Member Coffee meetings held in the months of June, July, or August. The next New Member Coffee is scheduled for September 3, 2025, and will be hosted by Deb Mosunich. Still need hostesses for some months in the upcoming year, let Trish know if you are interested in hosting a coffee. Trish also requested that any ideas of how to improve both current member and new member attendance at coffees be submitted to her as attendance has been discouraging.

Elizabeth Sherman, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, reported that the speaker for our May General Meeting will be Marianne Seifert , CEO of Senior Sources & Senior Placement Services.

Scholarships , four (4), will be given out after the speaker is finished. It was suggested that someone be at or near the reception table to show scholarship recipients where to sit.

Tammy Douse, Parliamentarian, reported that a brief farewell will be given to Ruth Plato. A “Roast” was suggested. Tammy reminded everyone to purchase their tickets for the “Sailing into Summer” event which will be held in June. Tickets cost \$25.00 and will be available for purchase at the May General Meeting.

Andi Winters, Welcome Mat Editor, asked members present to look over the June Welcome Mat and make any corrections needed. She stated that many activities go “dark” over the next three (3) months and that pictures are needed to fill the blank spaces. She requested anyone who has pictures of the Kentucky Derby to send them to her. Gerri Smith also inquired if anyone has any pictures of her from the Kentucky Derby event to please let her know as she would like to have some. Ramona Bowling will need a new Co-Editor “partner” for the Welcome Mat since Andi will be the President next year, Vicki will make an announcement regarding this at the next General Meeting.

Carol Skills, Website, shared that many people are looking at the Welcome Mat online, which is a good thing. She shared that she and Trish will be looking over the list of who has contacted the website requesting information about our group and may be interested in joining to see how many have joined. Sharon Roberts stated that the pictures on the website are old and new ones are needed. She will contact Lynn Smith for a picture from the Quilt N Friends group.

Sharon Chestnut, Sunshine. Reported that five (5) cards were sent out, with two (2) being approved to be put in the Welcome Mat. Also, information for one (1) new member and two (2) change of addresses were included in the Welcome Mat.

Joyce Menta, We Can Make a Difference, shared that in May the group will be collecting donations for the Pioneer School Student Store. Donations of money are always appreciated, along with other assorted items. It was inquired as to if members of our group are able to visit the student store and it was shared that when the Christmas Charities visited the school to deliver the donation the store was closed due to Christmas break.

The slated Board Members for the next year will be shared and voted on at the May General Meeting. Slated Board Members are as follows: Andi Winters, President; Trish Sakata, 1<sup>st</sup> VP; Freddie Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; Tammy Douse, Treasurer; Judy Keniston/Trish Sakata, will share Secretary; Karen Coupe-Bonnett, Membership; Mickey Martin, Parliamentarian.

Vicki Burrows, Activity Coordinator, shared that the newly updated/revised activity list and master calendar were sent out to the board members and will be sent out the newly elected board members after they have been voted in. The Activity Chair/Co-chair list has also been updated. Seven (7) activities go “dark” during June and there will be no activities during July. Contact Sharon Roberts if you want a mass email to go out regarding this. A question regarding Kayaking was brought up as to whether it was going to take place during the summer. Freddie Martin has relinquished her role as Outdoor Adventures Chairperson and it has been taken over by Heidi Nietschmann. Heidi will need to let Sharon Robersts know if kayaking will take place in June due to Heidi’s injury. The question was raised as to if a board meeting needs to be held in August. Gerri Smith suggested that it is a great way to see who the new board members and activity chairs are. The August Board Meeting will be held on August 19, 2025, and will be hosted by Patti Sauret. Please let Vicki know if there are any additions to add to the Master Activity Calendar. Christmas Charities had a scheduling conflict but it has been worked out with the Elks Lodge. The Luncheon Party, with Deb Aries (?) as Chairperson, has scheduled the September Luncheon Party for Sept. 9, 2025, with 3 cooks.

Gerri Smith spoke regarding the Kentucky Derby event which everyone agreed was fabulous! It was also agreed that Gerri did a terrific job as Chairperson and everything went smoothly. Gerri thanked Ramona for hosting the event and Joyce for securing the gifts. Gerri stated that there were 76 tickets sold for a total of \$1140.00, and that 61 people attended. Gerri gave the following report regarding expenditures: \$936.79 total: 479.54 meals, \$46.72 ice cream, \$46.02 paper goods, \$79.52 games, \$127.44 flowers, \$17.00 decorations, \$140.47 awards. Event income of \$1,140 plus \$500 budgeted amount = \$1640 minus expenses of \$936.79 = \$703.21 (which was the budget of \$500 that was not used + \$203.21 to be put back into the club.) Leftover supplies from the Kentucky Derby will be stored for the next event. Ramona **Bowling** volunteered to store the items and Sharon Roberts will add the items to the inventory list.

It was suggested that a folder needs to be made up for the next event with maybe a structure to follow. Suggested event to tentatively be held in October is an “Octoberfest”. Need to make sure to check the City of Redding regarding any major events that may be taking place around that time before setting a firm date. Sharon Roberts suggested trying to get more men involved.

## New Business:

Gerri Smith stated that she is disappointed that so many activities “go dark” in June, She feels that makes it so that new members don’t really have any activities to attend until September. Vicki Burrows shared that the Activity Chairs/Co-chairs decide which months they “go dark”. She will contact Activity Chairs/Co-Chairs to request that they hold their activity in the month of June but cannot guarantee they will. Ada Gripp suggested that the activities “going dark” has snowballed over the years. The Activity Chairs/Co-chairs positions go from September thru June and the months of July and August are considered “dark”.

Sharon Salpas suggested maybe holding an activity in the evening sometime in August or early September where members could bring a possible new member, an Ice Cream Social was suggested. Karen Coupe-Bonnet will be asked to put together a committee regarding this event.

Joyce Menta stated that a new Chairperson for We can make a Difference is needed as she has done it for 4 years. It was discussed that this activity may be pared down from every month to only 3-4 times per year. After discussion was held Ramona Bowling made a motion which was seconded by Carol Skills, and the motion was approved of by the members present. The four (4) organizations that will be collected for this year are Eagles Soar, Exodus Farms, Pioneer High School Student Store, and Raising Shasta Teen Center. Donations for Scholarships may also be added.

Ruth Plato asked a question regarding the laptop assigned to the position of Membership. Karen Coupe-Bonnett prefers to use her personal laptop and Ruth currently has the Membership laptop and was inquiring as to where it should go. It was decided the laptop will be returned to Karen Coupe-Bonnet, Membership, and she will hold on to it until the position is turned over to the next person .

Ruth Plato adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM