

Redding Newcomers and Friends

Board Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026

Andi Winters, President, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. She thanked Trudy Robeiro for hosting and reminded members present to silence their cell phones. An update on Judy Keniston was given, she is still in rehabilitation and would welcome visitors. Andi then informed the members that a Nominating Committee will be needed to fill in the positions that will be vacant for the 2026-2027 year. Kudos was given to the Christmas Charities chairpersons for the wonderful job on this year's event.

Reports:

Secretary – Judy Keniston is excused from duties due to her situation; Trish Sakata will fulfill the duties for now. There were no Board Meeting Minutes to read for November, 2025 but will hopefully be read at the February 2026 Board Meeting. A short discussion was held and Board Meeting Minutes will furthermore be held to Action Items and Motions. Trish will type up a list of motions passed in 2025 and put into the Motions Book.

Treasurer – Tammy Douse gave the following report: Expenses for November 2025 totaled \$1023.56 (PO Box \$210, Anderson Trophy \$23.81, Elks \$125, Sherry Z. for office supplies \$35.22, Eagles Soar \$400, Welcome Mat \$194.52, Freddie Martin reimbursement \$35); deposits totaled \$2050.50; Checking account balance is \$19,966.98; Savings account balance is \$6290.52. Expenses for December 2025 totaled \$3366.26 (Elks for meeting room \$125, Gaia Hotel security deposit \$500, Licata Catering \$1870, Elks kitchen set up \$250, Patti Sauret \$69.17, Heidi Pagnini \$28.27, Gaia Hotel fashion show deposit \$500, Anderson Trophy \$14.29, Anderson Trophy \$9.53); Deposits totaled \$1554.50; Checking Account Balance \$18055.22; Saving Account Balance \$6290.67.

1st VP – Trish Sakata had no report

2nd VP – Freddie Martin stated that she is focusing on Informational speakers for the general meetings.

Membership – Patty Susini reported that the membership is currently at 249. A discussion will be held in April regarding raising dues and asking members who currently have their Welcome Mat mailed to them to pay for that service.

Welcome Mat – Ramona stated that the 2026 November & December welcome mat will be combined.

Website – Sharon Roberts informed the members that the job descriptions for activities have been updated.

Sunshine – Sharon Chestnut said that 12 cards total were sent out during the months of November and December.

Scholarships – Sharon Salpas reminded the members that cookies will be sold at the January general meeting and in February they will be collecting for scholarships fund.

We Can Make a Difference – collecting for Pioneer School Store.

Christmas Charities – Linda Odegard and Patty Sauret stated that 110 lunch tickets were sold, more than that attended the event. The event raised \$2257, with \$677.10 going to each of the 3 charities chosen.

New Business:

Activities - Vicki Burrows gave an activity update. She was aware of the 3 activities that went “dark” for the month of January 2026. She spoke to 2 of the chairs and was given reasons why. Starting in January, Needle Nuts Activity lost their monthly location that was at the Chair’s Park Clubhouse, due to the park going under new ownership. Knowing this, the chair has been asking her group for host homes and her replacement for a couple of months. She will keep trying and let Vicki know by January’s general meeting if she was successful going forward, or if a plea announcement is needed at the general meeting. Her decision is for the activity to go “dark” until someone takes over. Starting in February, Romona is letting Vicki know which activity responds via email about going “dark” and she will work with them on another date or possible solutions, finding someone to fill in, etc. On Friday, January 19, 2025, she will be sending out an invite to all activity chairs and co-chairs to attend a Meet & Greet gathering on February 5, 2026, to mingle with their counterparts from other activity chairs on the activity list, which is 21 at last count. This event will be to recognize the importance of stepping into a chair/co-chair positions, offering monthly activities to our members, and to reinforce their roles and strengthen relationships with one another, and to get any help that may be needed.

Fashion Show – Sue Agnew stated that the fashion show will be held on April 23, 2026 at Gaia Hotel. Dandelion has committed and Boot Barn is out. Committees will be arranged to work on the various parts of the fashion show. Let Sue know if you are interested in helping.

Andi announced the next board meeting will be held on February 17, 2026, at Mickey Martin’s home. Next general meeting will be held on January 15, 2026, at the Elks. Meeting was adjourned at 11:28.