

Redding Newcomers and Friends

Board Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Andi Winters, President, at 10:03 am. Mickey Martin was thanked for hosting, and members were reminded to silence their cell phones,

Reports:

President – Andi shared that she has decided to continue as President for the 2026-2027 year. The 1st Vice President seat will be open and needs to be filled.

Secretary – Judy Keniston is still excused. Trish Sakata read the Board Meeting Minutes for November, 2025, which were approved with corrections. A short discussion was held regarding Board Meeting Minutes as to what information should be included and how detailed it need so be. Trish read the Board Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2026, which were approved as presented.

Treasurer – Tammy Douse gave her report and stated it is on file. Gerri Smith gave a brief update on the Audit Committee. They met and everything looked good, they will meet every 6 months.

1st VP - Trish Sakata reminded members to encourage any potential members to fill out the "Contact Us" page on the website and to attend the next general meeting if possible. She also reminded members that a short informational meeting will be held immediately after the general meeting for new members.

2d VP – Freddie Martin shared that the speaker for the February General Meeting will be Carlene Stocker from Wildlife Refuge.

Membership – Patty Susini reported that membership is currently at 254 members.

Parliamentarian – Mickey Martin shared that she is currently working on updating the Executive Board job descriptions.

Welcome Mat – Romona Bowling asked members present to look over the Welcome Mat and make any changes necessary. Deadlines for Welcome Mat are March 2nd for April, April 6th for May.

Website = Carol Skill asked that if you are having issues with your password to call either Sharon Robers or herself. A short blurb will be put into the Welcome Mat regardingt this.

Sunshine – Sharon Chestnut shared that 6 cards were sent in January.

Scholarships – Sharon Salpas reminded everyone that scholarship applications are due April 1st, applications are available on the website and at meetings. Looking for ideas on how to raise money for scholarships. Give Every Child a Change for February will be donations for scholarships.

New Business:

Vicki Burrows shared that Why Cook Tonight? Will be moved to 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning in March. The Eat & Meet went well and a discussion was held on how to share information about activities with members. It was decided that 1 activity will be “spotlighted” during general meetings, this will be whatever activity are Greeters for the meeting. Needle Nuts has a new location and will now meet at the Sewing Room.

Gerri Smith shared that she is organizing an event for October and is thinking about a “Mulan Rouge” theme. She is looking for members to join the various committees for this event.

Linda Odegard reported that the checks from Christmas Charities have all been delivered to the various charities.

Sharon Roberts shared that in the Executive Board Job Descriptions it states a \$10 late fee for dues . After a short discussion, Ramona Bowling made a motion that this “Late fee” be removed. Micky Martin 2nd the motion which was carried. Sharon stated the Rules & Regulations will need to be updated to reflect this change.

Andi announced the next board meeting will be held on March 17th at Kathy Jensen’s house. Next general meeting will be held on February 26th at the Elk’s Lodge.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:19 am by Andi Winters, President.