

Active Seniors Inc.
100 Harvest, Salinas, CA 93901

Board of Directors Minutes

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Call to Order 1:00 PM 2nd VP Linda Evans

Roll Call & Quorum President Bob Whitlock, 1st VP Gerry Reynolds and Treasurer Christine Higgins absent/excused. Newly elected Secretary Michael Beck confirmed quorum met (2nd VP Linda Evans, Secretary Michael Beck, Finance Director Bob McGregor, Directors Stephen Doolittle, Yvonne Mraule, Laura Ruggieri, Witold Piekarski and Sera Hirasuna). Ten guests present as well.

Approval of Minutes Jan 10, 2025, Special Board Meeting to elect officers (M/S/C) approved unanimously. March 6, 2025, Board of Directors Meeting (M/S/C) approved unanimously.

2nd VP Linda Evans thanked office volunteer Kaye Wallace for baking and serving cheesecake at the BOD meeting.

Dwight Freedman had another pressing engagement and gave his committee reports out of sequence.

Information Technology - 12 attendants at March IT Workshop. Next one planned for April 17, 2025.

My Senior Center Program training continues for office staff. Now with MSC, able to contact 24 members who do not have e-mail addresses and acknowledged that calls were received. Dwight is updating Google E-mails and MSC, merging the two into one list.

Membership – 797 Paid Members. 102 New Members since January 1st, 2025. 205 non-renewed memberships archived as inactive and removed from E-mail blast/Newsletter and Active Membership lists at this time.

Officers' Reports

President's Report: Bob Whitlock on vacation, 2nd VP Linda Evans reported:

- A. Sera Hirasuna resigned as secretary but remains very involved in ASI activities and remains Activities Director. Michael Beck elected to serve out the 2025 term.
- B. Donations received in March \$34,821 (see Treasurer's report). Thank you notes to be sent by the secretary.

C. Executive Committee met on March 25, 2025:

1. An Ad Hoc ASI strategic planning committee was established with initial members Beck, Doolittle, Evans, Reynolds, Salinas, Whitlock. The next mtg. is April 14th, noon, Rm B.
2. Approved a change in the calendar for January 2026. Since New Years Day is the first Thursday, in 2026 the General Membership/Elections will be scheduled for the first non-holiday Thursday (Jan. 8, 2026) followed one week later by the BOD meeting (Jan. 15, 2026).
3. The issue of an outside group, PT Cruisers (a Salinas Valley Christian group), requesting an ASI Oral Presentation was taken up. A motion to deny the request (Moved by Sera Hirasuna and 2nd by Linda Evans) passed. The Policy/procedure of giving community presentations was tabled, to be revisited at the April 22nd, 2025, Exec. Committee mtg.
4. Initially, the Inservice Day scheduled for April 26th 10:00 AM to noon had been combined with a Thank You for all ASI members (through a private donation to pay for pizza). A motion was made (Move Gerry Reynolds, Second Christine Higgins) and passed unanimously to separate the two events. The pizza give-away will be scheduled as a special event at a later date. The in-service on April 26th will be followed by a light lunch for all the volunteers who helped.
5. 1st VP Gerry Reynolds' maintenance and administrative tasks calendar progressing.

1st VP Report (see executive committee 4 & 5 above), Gerry Reynolds absent/excused

2nd VP Report Linda Evans reported:

- A. Requests for Exit Interviews pending (EVANS)
- B. Nominating Committee (EVANS) met March 18th. Plan is to maintain a list of nominees for the next 2-3 years.

Secretary Michael Beck thanked the Executive Comtee for their confidence electing him to the position. No report.

Treasurer Christine Higgins absent/excused, see Finance Director Report below.

Old Business

- A. "Members First" Policy. The BOD 12/5/2024 initiated a 3-month trial of "Members First" policy. Different Activities Chairs reported different results. Only four activities have waiting lists. Motion (Bob McGregor) seconded (Michael Beck) to table this issue until the next executive committee mtg. on April 22nd. Passed unanimously.
- B. Legacy/Scholarship Project (Chaired by Director Michael Beck) no report.

New Business

- A. **Board Trainings 2025: May 23rd, August 22nd, November 21st, Jan. 2026**
(place TBD).

Special Reports

- A. **Director of Finance**. Bob McGregor--on Budget. Noted large sum of donations. ASI named in Elaine Lutz Trust, notified in August 2024 and received \$33,530.71 March 17, 2025.
- B. **Director of Office Operation** Karen Towle (3) Three new volunteers in training. Still need more volunteers.
- C. **Director of Tours** no report

Activities Committees Reports

- A. **Activities** Chair Sera Hirasuna made a motion (M. Beck seconded) to accept a third Arts & Crafts activity being established, **Card-Making** chaired by Kate Wright. 21 responded to the survey, but the activity is limited to 12 at any one time. Two lists will be established (Member/Non-Member) and six will rotate each month. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. **Facilities Use** Margaret Neal reminded the board that only members-involved-groups can use ASI facilities (with board approval). The next special event is the Readers' Theater at the end of June 2025.
- C. **Food Distribution** Loretta Salinas reported running out of food of late, distributing 350 bags. Par had been set at 300 bags from the Food Bank. Will be requesting a new Par of 350 bags.
- D. **Kitchen** no report
- E. **Maintenance** Director Doolittle reporting:
1) Bike Rack installed 2) Braced the Water Heater 3) Bad cameras being replaced 4) Hole between Rms A & B to be repaired 5) Initiating Maintenance regular walk-through with 1st VP
- G. **Newsletter** Folding/Mailing to 58 members without e-mails today.
- H. **Policies** no report
- I. **Programs/Speakers** Laura Ruggieri restated upcoming:
John Metz/Metz Farms (April); Johns Macias and Madolora Veterans (May);
Readers' Theater (June); Dr. Garfield Better Sleep; Joe Granger "Heart/ Ranch;"
Camerata Singers (December).
- J. **Safety** Witold Piekarski reported 55 signed up for April 12th Safety Fair. Workers To meet after Yoga 4/9 to rehearse same.
- K. **Sunshine** Donna Elder-Holyfield reports 7 cards as of today sent out.
Discussion followed re: cards sent to members vs. non-members.

The BOD will leave the matter to the discretion of the Sunshine Chair.

M. Website Jim Tripp reports 800 hits, mostly searching Senior Care.

Next Board Meetings (first Thursday of the month): **May 1st, June 5th, July 3rd,**

Aug. 7th, Sept. 4th, Oct. 2nd, Nov. 6th, December 4th

ADJOURNED: 2:15 P.M.

Motions made: Table "Members First Policy/Procedure"

Approved: Card Making Activity

Respectfully amended April 9, 2025,

Michael Beck

Approved: May 1, 2025 BOD Mtg.