1. **Call to Order: 1:00 p.m.**
2. **Roll call:** 
   1. Present: Thad Evans, Bob Whitlock, Virginia Yeater, Christine Higgins, Dwight Freedman, Loretta Salinas, Janet Street, Laura Ruggieri; Donna Elder-Holifield
   2. Absent: Jim Tripp, Lionel Gill
3. **Guests:** Bob McGregor; Sharon Piazza; Wayne McDaniel; Michael Gains, George Niesen; Margaret Neal, Bari Roberts, and Loyann Stoneburg.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**: Minutes of the January 5, 2023 Board Meeting, Minutes of the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting, and Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Special Board Meeting were approved as submitted.
5. **Correspondence:** 
   1. 2023 Claim for Welfare Exemption (Annual Filing).
   2. City request to obtain members’ input into Salinas Budget.
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Financial report – Bob McGregor gave the monthly treasurers report. Housekeeping Expense will increase by $150 per month in 2023. Accounts are all in good shape and ASI is in good financial status.
7. **Old Business:** 
   1. **City Sidewalk Issue:** Bob Whitlock reported that Steve McShane had emailed him and stating ASI’s request to qualify in the 50/50 works project will be presented to the City Council in January, February, or March. Bob will be notified as to the presentation date so he and others can attend.
   2. **Saturday Activities:** Loretta reported that Saturday activities are well attended. Zumba is being held on four Saturdays and averaging over 30 participants, and that Yoga and Tai Chi attendance is growing.
   3. **Board Retreat:** Loretta distributed the Board Retreat Agenda which will be held onsite on Saturday, February 25, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tentative agenda items include: Bios on Who’s Who, Board Roles and Responsibilities, and three-teams (Finance, Publicity, and Activities) will meet to set goals and priorities and the path forward for 2023.
   4. **Valentine’s Day Dance:** A Ballroom Dance Party will be held on Tuesday, February 14. There will be a Nightclub Two-Step Lesson at 6 pm followed by live music by the Moon Glow Jazz Band from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Loretta is arranging for a Valentine Day backdrop for photos with fun hats and accessories to be used. Additional parties include a Sock Hop in March, a June “Senior” prom, a fall fling, and a holiday party.
   5. **Monthly Farmer’s Market:** Loretta reported that the Food Bank of Monterey County and Dallas Produce are willing to donate food for a Monthly Member’s Market. This market would be for member’s only to pick up food for themselves, friends, and/or neighbors who might benefit. A discussion followed regarding the time and date of the market. It was moved, seconded, and amended that a committee will be formed to administer the details for the market. Loretta will prepare a survey to be distributed at the ASI monthly luncheon asking for member feedback.
   6. **Confirm appointment of Bob McGregor as Director of Finance:** It was moved by Christine Higgins and seconded by Bob Whitlock to confirm approval of Bob McGregor as Director of Finance.
8. **New Business.** 
   * 1. **Appointment/re-appointment of Nominating Committee for year:** It was moved seconded and approved that the Nominating Committee will be Board Members: Loretta Salinas, Janet Street, and Jim Tripp; and Non-Board Members: Wayne McDaniel and George Niesen.
     2. **County request to use the facilities for the Presidential Primary 2024 Election:** A motion to approve was made by Janet Street, seconded by Christine Higgins, and approved by the board.
     3. **City request to obtain members’ input into Salinas Budget:** Flyers will be available at the sign-in desk at the monthly luncheon.
     4. **Proposal for Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) Tapping Class – Bari Roberts:** Bari Roberts presented a demonstration of the Emotional Freedom Technique. She would like to teach the hour class for 9 attendees. Cost: $10 for Non-Members, $9 for Members. A group email will be sent to members requesting interest.
9. **Committee Reports.** 
   1. **Sunshine and Health.** Donna Elder-Holifield reported that 4 cards had been mailed in January.
   2. **Trips/Tours.** Sharon Piazza reported that the first trip of 2023 was to see “The Fireside Grill” on Sunday, January 29. Upcoming confirmed trips and prices include the Jelly Belly Factory on Thursday, March 23 and the DeYoung Museum on Thursday, April 20. She will list estimated transportation prices on future flyers since she has still not received actual pricing details. Sharon is working on trips for 2024.
   3. **Facility Maintenance.** Bob Whitlock is working on the entry door project and the replacement of the Formica on the front counter. He will begin working on replacement of the corner parking lot mirror.
   4. **Office Manager.** Janet Street reported that to date we have a total of 436 total paid memberships for $13,073 with a new member count of 68.
   5. **Publicity.** Wayne McDaniel reported that the committee is updated the newsletter mailing list. He noted that books with the ASI stickers are being picked up at the train station.
   6. **Speakers.** Janet Street and Dwight Freedman are working on the 2023 Speaker’s List. John Farahmand from Balance Physical Therapy will be the guest speaker in March.
   7. **Technology.** Dwight Freedman reported that due to the large turnout at the last Technology Seminar, participants will have to register for either the 1:00 or 2:00 session, accepting no more than 10 persons per session. Dwight will notify members of the technology support that is available on the ASI website.
   8. **Kitchen.** 
      1. **February Luncheon**
         1. **Reservation Deadline:** Friday, February 3, 2023
         2. **Menu**: Grilled jumbo shrimp w/beef steak; winter veggie medley; confetti rice; sweet French roll and butter; lemon cake. Vegetarian: chef’s choice.
      2. **Luncheon Committee:** Margaret Neal and Michael Gaines noted how seamless the kitchen and front of house team are performing.
   9. **Grants.** Margaret Neal has been getting some informal input from the members that maybe it is time to go to our membership for the cost to replace the chairs. This item will be placed on the agenda for next month.
10. **Additional Items for Discussion. (Not requiring action):**
    1. Reminder: Probable deletion of Covid Vaccine requirement on March 1.
    2. Laura Ruggieri would like to modify the wall behind the stage. This item will be placed on the agenda for next month.
    3. Sharon Piazza announced that Aspire will be here Thursday, February 23 from 10 to 11 at her Line Dancing Class.
    4. Wayne McDaniel announced that the Ukulele Club will be performing at two retirement homes in May. He also mentioned that Committees need to establish yearly budgets. This will be part of the Board Retreat.
11. **Future Agenda Items:** 
    1. Modification of the wall behind the stage
    2. Committee budgets
    3. Replacement of chairs

**The next regular monthly meeting will be Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted: Virginia G. Yeater**