1. **Call to Order: 1:00 p.m.**
2. **Roll call:** 
   1. Present: Thad Evans, Bob Whitlock, Dwight Freedman, Virginia Yeater, Jim Tripp, Laura Ruggieri, Loretta Salinas, Janet Street, and Christine Higgins
   2. Absent: Lionel Gill and Donna Elder-Holifield
3. **Guests:** Karen Towle, Sharon Piazza, Bob McGregor, Wayne McDaniel, Michael Gains, George Niesen, Margaret Neal, Shirley Jones, and Stanley Sokolow.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**: Minutes of the February 2, 2023 Board Meeting were approved as corrected.
5. **Correspondence:** None
6. **Treasurer’s Report:** Financial report – Bob McGregor gave the monthly treasurers report. He noted that a printer was purchased for $511. Accounts are all in good shape and ASI is in good financial status.
7. **Old Business:** 
   1. **City Sidewalk Report:** Bob McGregor stated that there is no report since the proposal will not go to the City Council until spring.
   2. **Board Retreat & Summarize Retreat Committee Reports:** Loretta Salinas thanked all members for their attendance. All committees will be meeting over the next couple of weeks to set goals and budget requests. A website for committee members to post relevant information will be developed by Loretta and Dwight. Loretta reported that some committees will now be listed as positions. She asked all committee chairs to submit in writing the purpose of their committees. Loretta and Karen Towle will revise the information for distribution.
   3. **Special Dance Events:** Loretta Salinas and Michael Gains reported that future dance themes will include a Sock Hop, Spring Fling, Big Week, Halloween, and a Christmas Party. A special Events Calendar will be included in the ASI newsletter and added to the website.
   4. **Stage Wall:** Michael Gains presented a proposal to purchase a curtain rod along with black drapes to make a backdrop for the stage. Approximate cost $100. Committee members Laura Ruggieri, Michael Gains, and Bob Whitlock will submit renovation designs at the April Board Meeting. A motion to paint the walls the existing color, was moved, seconded, and approved.
   5. **Responses to Proposal for Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT) Tapping Class:** Dwight Freedman reported that there were 18 responses of interest to the tapping class. In accordance with the by-laws, no Board Members objected to this activity. After discussion, the Activities Committee will meet with Bari Roberts to work out class details.
8. **New Business.** 
   * 1. **Chair Replacement:** A picture of a recommended replacement chair was presented by Bob McGregor. Approximate cost of 150 chairs, with shipping $7,000. A discussion regarding whether to acquire the chairs through a grant or to make a capital purchase followed. In conclusion, Bob will order a sample chair for presentation at April’s Board Meeting.
     2. **Budgets:** Wayne McDaniel presented the attached Publicity Committee’s Report developed at the ASI Leadership Retreat. Recommendations included advertising in the Chamber of Commerce newspaper, The Weekly, In the Loop, Modern Medicine and a contingency fund. The motion of a $4,000 Publicity Budget for 2023 was made, seconded, and approved.
     3. **Pickleball Committee:** Stanley Sokolow showed the equipment used in the popular game, Pickleball. He noted that only classes in strategy and rules would be offered at ASI. Actual play would be held at local outside courts. A discussion followed regarding outside activities insurance coverage. Bob McGregor will check ASI’s coverage.
9. **Committee Reports.** 
   1. **Sunshine and Health:** No report.
   2. **Trips/Tours.** Sharon Piazza reported that the Jelly Belly Factory Tour on Thursday, March 23 may be cancelled due to low participation. Scheduled trips to date are: De Young Museum, Thursday, April 20; “1776-The Musical”, Sunday, May 21; Golden Gate Fields (Belmont Stakes), Saturday, June 10; Hearst Castle, Thursday, July 27; Mystery Trip, Thursday, August 17; “Tina Turner Musical”, Saturday, September 2; and Fleet Week, Sunday, October 8. The river tour has been cancelled. Sharon is working on a short cruise to San Diego and Ensenada next year.
   3. **Facility Maintenance.** Bob Whitlock reported he is still looking for a contractor to install the front doors and he is waiting on the contractor’s bid for the Formica installation.
   4. **Office Manager.** Karen Towle reported Total Paid Membership Amount is $15,097; Total Paid Membership Count is 504; Total Unpaid Membership Amount is $4,860; Total Unpaid Membership Count is 162; Total Membership Amount is 666; and New Member Count is 88.
   5. **Activities & Special Events:** Loretta Salinas reported she had received a request from Bari Roberts for Al-Anon meetings. The Committee feels this very similar to ASI’s Nar Anon. The Committee will advise Bari to fill out the proper activity request form. Dwight announced that the Age Well Drive Smart Workshop given by the Monterey County CHP is going to be held at ASI on Thursday, March 23 from 1 to 3 pm. Participants must RSVP by calling 831-233-3447 or can sign up at the ASI office. Loretta announced there will be a Sock Hop on Saturday, April 29. Dwight will DJ. She will also be scheduling a date for New Member Orientation in April.
   6. **Publicity Committee:** Wayne McDaniel reported that the Committee met prior to the Board Meeting to discuss conclusions from the Board retreat and to set goals for 2023. He noted that a representative from ASI attended the Annual Salinas Chamber of Commerce breakfast; advertisement regarding the ASI’s Age Well Drive Smart Workshop has been placed in the Chamber’s newspaper and the Weekly, and flyers regarding the workshop have been distributed to insurance agents and Star Market. A calendar of ASI special events has been added to the newsletter and website. The newsletter will be increased to six pages.
   7. **Speakers:** Janet Street announced that most speakers have been scheduled for the year.
   8. **Technology Committee:** Dwight Freedman noted that the new sign-up process is working well. Helpers are still needed.
   9. **Kitchen:** Michael Gaines noted that he will be developing a written back-up system for kitchen procedures and supply ordering.
      1. **March Luncheon**
         1. **Reservation Deadline:** Friday, March 3, 2023 at 4:00 pm
         2. **Menu**: St. Patty’s Day Theme: Pub-Style Corned Beef cooked in Guinness & Honey; Pickle-spiced Stir Fry Cabbage; Boiled New Red Potatoes; Potato Dill Roll and Butter; Vegetarian Option – Chef’s Choice.
      2. **Luncheon Committee:** Michael reported that there are 3 or 4 new volunteers.
   10. **Grants.** No report.
10. **Additional Items for Discussion. (Not requiring action):**
    1. The ASI Covid vaccination mandate expired yesterday, March 1, 2023. Vaccination is no longer required for membership.
    2. Use of the new printer/copy machine. Bob reported that ASI went over the allotted contracted number of copies last month by 100%. He noted that sometimes it is more economical to have copies printed at an outside source.
    3. Teresa Sullivan, Executive Director of Alliance on Aging, is retiring June 30, 2023.
11. **Future Agenda Items:** 
    1. Modification of the wall behind the stage
    2. Replacement of chairs
    3. Outside activities insurance coverage

**The next regular monthly meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted: Virginia G. Yeater**