**Humboldt ERFSA Executive Com. Meeting, Notes, October 10, 2023**

In attendance: Marshelle Thobaben, Jeffery Borgeld, James Floss, Susan Dobie, and Ken Fulgham.

Luncheons: We discussed how pleased we are with the new venue at the Baywood Gold and Country Club. However, at the Nov. luncheon meeting, we may do a survey of those in attendance about their opinions of the change in venue, and what luncheon press releases they ae seeing. We had 18 guests at the meeting.

There is a “guest” Wi-Fi channel that presenters may use to use if they need to be online; the password is “holeinone.”

Next luncheons presentations:

* November 14: Cal Poly Professor Emerita Betsy Watson & UC Davis Retired Professor Mark Thurmond. Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative. Discussion of the controversial Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative to amend the Humboldt County General Plan to protect residents, landowners, and our beautiful natural environment from harm caused by large-scale industrial cannabis cultivation.
* December 12: Executive Director Emma Breacain. Humboldt Literacy Project. Humboldt County has an estimated 13,800 adults who are functionally illiterate, reading below a fifth-grade level. Another 23,000 people in our county read below eighth-grade level. Since 1981, Humboldt Literacy Project has been working to raise the level of literacy in Humboldt County and improve the quality of life in our community.

Spring Luncheon Program: Susan presented the line-up for Spring. They are:

* Aldaron Laird, February 13, “Local Sea Level Rise” .
* Tiana Williams-Claussen, March 12, Yurok tribal member, and graduate student of Environmental Sciences, will speak on the recent release of California condors on the North Coast.
* Alison O'Dowd, Ph.D., April 9, will speak on the Klamath Renewal Project.
* Mark A. Johnson, newly appointed Chief of Staff of the President’s Office at Cal Poly Humboldt May 14, will discuss his new duties.

Membership: Jeffery reported that 5 new members joined last month, bringing ERFSA membership to 37 members.

Treasurer’s report: Ken Fulgham reported:

* Humboldt TV-012 account is at $5,298.21. Increased dues have helped.
* HAF account for August is at $48,844.17; a decrease of $1,189.37.

Communications: It was suggested, when possible, to include photos and/or graphics with full press releases. James will put out press releases at least 10 days in advance now that luncheons are on Tuesdays.

Web Page: The presentations recorded during the COVID period will be placed under the Exe Com bucket.

Other Business: We are seeking nominations for the treasurer and fundraiser Exe. Com. positions. Following the Exe Com Meeting, LuAnn Weiland volunteered to be the next Treasurer after Ken resigns as Treasurer in Jan. 2024. In the meantime, she will be an at-large member of the executive committee.

--Submitted by James Floss, Friday, October 13, 2023