

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022

1.0 Call to Order at 1:03 pm.

2.0 Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present for the meeting: Mark Wahlman, Paul Wright, Bill Rutherford, Stephen Helmer, Harry Martin, Felix Moran, John Coakley, Juan Ochoa, Mike Lynn, and Richard Provost, Area 18 Governor. Tony Moles on cell phone. The following members were absent: Phil Honkala., and Phil Schrock.

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for January 11, meeting:

A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Harry reported that there was a net gain of \$725.89 for the month. Most of these funds were attributed to the dues collection. The ending balance is \$ 2476.72. ***The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Bill R. and seconded by Felix M. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen noted that there were 116 members in our Branch as of February 1st. One member, John Guilfoyle, resigned due to ill health and age. Today, we had one transfer into our branch, Don Markle, who also filled out an application. Stephen also officially added Juan Ochoa as a member on the rolls. There were two applications for membership from Steve Hagen and Gregory Soligan. After Stephen's review of the applications, ***a motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Paul W. to accept Steve's application for admission to our branch. The motion passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to accept the application for membership from Gregory Soligan. The motion passed unanimously.*** A discussion followed regarding leaves of absence for a member. It was noted by Richard P. that formal leaves are no longer part of the SIR's policy. Stephen noted he would follow-up with the member in several months regarding their membership standing.

A discussion occurred regarding members who were or were not receiving the minutes of the meetings. The following members will be added to the list of members receiving the minutes: Felix Moran, Juan Ochoa, Phil Honkala, Tom Pratt, and Richard Provost, the Area 18 Governor. The following members will be dropped from the minutes list: Richard Baines, Robert Gorbet, and Phil Schrock. ***A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Mike L. to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.2 Golf: Bill R. prepared a 2021 Fiscal Report for Golf, which he presented. Bill noted dues for golf raised \$3941, and the fees to the NCGA were \$3151. He also noted that there was a net gain of \$285 for the year. The current cash balance for golf is \$665. ***A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by John C. to accept the golf financial report for 2021. The motion passed unanimously.*** A question by John C. was raised about how many functions a guest can attend in SIR. He had noticed a lot of guests at the meeting today. Richard P. reported that guests may attend only two functions per year.

6.3 Activities: Paul W. reported that Paul Reiner has already reserved the Woodbridge Country Club for our Christmas Luncheon this year on December 14. The cost to us will be \$30. We will set a price for the tickets at a later date. ***A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Juan O. to have the Christmas Luncheon Wednesday, December 14, at the Woodbridge Country Club. The motion passed unanimously.***

Paul noted there is enough interest to start a Dine In/Dine Out group in April. The group will decide on the location and frequency of activities at their first meeting. ***A motion was made by Harry M. and seconded by John C. to set the first meeting date for the Dine In/Dine Out group for April 14th. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.4 Speakers: Mark reported that Tom P. has arranged for our next speaker to be Jeff Farthing from Michael David Winery.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Dues Collection for 2022: Mark reported that dues has been collected from 42 members as of the last meeting. This weekend he received an additional 10 more payments in the mail, and at the meeting today, he collected from eleven more members. Paul also noted he had received dues from two other members. This brings the total number of members paying their dues to 65. With 116 members in our branch, we need to collect from 51 members. Mark said that our next Newsletter will be more direct regarding dues payments, and that we should consider making phone calls to members who have not paid their dues before the deadline. Those members who have not paid by March 31st will be removed from our membership rolls.

7.2 Picnic Discussion and Planning: Paul thanked Harry for reserving the picnic area at Micke Grove. Paul has lined up enough volunteers to handle the cooking duties at the picnic. The challenge may be getting enough raffle prizes as that has been our main fund raiser at the picnic. We will need to seek out donations of prizes for the picnic. Paul reported that there has been a slight decrease in meat prices, but it was brought up that we could consider hot dogs and hamburgers as the main course. Mark wondered if the main course was really a major concern. Paul suggested that the price might be in the range of \$15 for one ticket and \$10 for the second ticket. John C. will prepare and take care of printing of the tickets. Paul said that in the past we have started selling tickets to the picnic in March. John stated that he would need the ticket

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information soon in order to get the tickets printed in time for the March meeting for sales. It was thought it would be good to put the menu on the tickets. Harry reported that the rental fee for the picnic area is \$235 with an additional refundable cleaning deposit of \$100. We will take a look at activities for the picnic at a later meeting.

A motion was made by John C. and seconded by Bill R. to authorize Paul W. and John C. to develop wording for the tickets, the menu and pricing for the SIR Picnic in May. The motion passed unanimously.

7.3. Speaker Topics: Mark W. wondered aloud if there were any topics that would be inappropriate for our luncheon speakers. A discussion ensued regarding various inappropriate and appropriate topics. It was noted that speakers who bring their students to the meetings were generally more popular. Some topics discussed were funeral planning, medicare, and estate planning.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Checking Account Authorized Signors: Harry said that we need to add Juan Ochoa, the assistant treasurer, as an authorized signor for our checking account and remove Bob Gorbet and Phil Schrock as authorized signors. ***A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Bill R. to do the same. The motion passed unanimously.***

9.0 Good of the Order: None

11.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.