

SIRS Branch 45 Executive Committee Meeting

March 10, 2020

1.0 Call to Order at 1:16 pm.

2.0 Roll Call:The following officers and directors were present: Paul Wright, Mark Wahlman, Anthony Moles, Richard Baines, Harry Martin, Bill Rutherford, Robert Gorbet, Ram Rao, and John Coakley. The following members were absent: Phil Schrock, Chester George, and Stephen Hellmer,

3.0 Guests: None present

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Feb. 11

Motion to approve the minutes was made by John C, and seconded by Ram R. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

5.0 Committee Reports

5.1 Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance was \$2864. Harry reported that our branch had an ending balance of \$2505. This was a decrease for the month of \$359.

A motion was made by Tony M. and seconded by John C. to approve the Treasurer's report. The vote to approve was unanimous.

5.2 Membership Report: Paul reported in Steve's absence that membership dropped by 2 in February. One guest submitted an application for membership: The applicant was Mike T. Motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Ram R. to approve his membership. The vote for approval was unanimous. There were 55 members present for lunch today with one member not wishing to purchase lunch.

5.3 Golf Report: Bill R. reported that he will be using a sandwich sign to advertise the club and golf. He also presented the language of the sign he wishes to use. A discussion ensued with approval.

5.4 Little Sir: Mark reports our April speaker will be Susan Crosby, a Lodi News Sentinel reporter. She will be speaking on "The ten things every senior should know". She is also the author of some 50 books.

6.0 Old Business

6.1 Meeting Location:

a. Affirmation of Email: A discussion was held regarding the email poll taken regarding the meeting location. The results were 9 yes, zero no, and three abstentions. A motion was made to affirm the email for the location of the March meeting as the Elkhorn Country Club. The motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. The motion to ratify the email poll was unanimous.

b. Moving Forward: A discussion was held regarding the location of future meetings. Paul presented a very thorough chart showing the pros and cons of each of the four choices. Moose Lodge has been ruled out because they have not responded to any of our five contacts. Based on the straw vote at the luncheon, the

lunch location will be the Elkhorn Country Club. A motion was made by Mark W, and seconded by Tony M. to set a minimum lunch order of 60 meals for future meetings at the Elkhorn Country Club.

6.2 Picnic: Branch 46 is still planning to join us for the picnic, and they have sold 40 tickets at this point. Twenty tickets were sold at Branch 45's lunch today. Richard B. was asked to print 40 more tickets for the picnic.

7.0 New Business

7.1 Approval of Events: All events of our branch must be approved by the board for liability reasons as directed by SIRS headquarters. Any changes in times, locations, etc of the various group meetings must also be approved by our board. The Wine Appreciation Club meetings, schedule, and locations were approved by the board. The motion was made by Robert G. and seconded by Bill R. The motion passed unanimously. Attached is a schedule of the Wine Appreciation group.

7.2 State SIRS Advisory-Coronavirus: Big Sir, Paul, read the advisory on the Corona Virus at the monthly member meeting, and it will appear in our next newsletter. During this period, absences will not be recorded for the club. It was reported that some branches have cancelled meetings already. We will proceed with caution. A motion was made that with due diligence, we will request of the country club that hand wipes be provided at the luncheon meetings, members will be asked to wash their hands regularly, and members are to stay home if they are ill. The motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Richard B. It passed unanimously.

7.3 Honorary Life Memberships: Robert G. There was no report at this time.

7.4 SIRS Area Meeting : Paul and Mark are planning to attend the Area meeting on Mar. 24. If anyone else is interested, let Paul know.

8.0 Good of the Order:

8.1: Bill R. commented that the programs Mark W. is putting together are good, and thank you for doing a fine job. Bill also complimented Paul W. on the great job he is doing especially with all of the challenges facing the club this year. Several other members joined in with similar comments.

9.0 Menu Next Month: The April menu will be chef's choice.

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.