

# SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

**1.0 Call to Order** at 1:36 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, Juan Ochoa, John Coakley, and Mike Lynn. Tony Moles on cell phone.

**3.0 Guests**: None

**4.0 Approval of the Minutes for March 8, 2022, meeting:**

***A motion was made by Harry M. and seconded by Bill R. to approve the minutes as amended for the March 8, 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 \$80.99 for the month. The ending balance is \$ 2698.35. ***The motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by John C. and seconded by Mike L. The motion passed unanimously.***

**6.0 Committee Reports**

**6.1 Membership**: Stephen noted that there were 117 members in our Branch as of March 1st. However, 41 members were dropped this month because they had not paid their dues. There is one member who disputes that he had not paid his dues. Mark and Paul will look into this matter. Total membership is now 76. Today, two members paid their dues, and we added one new member, Greg Soligan. This now brings our membership count to 79. We received one application in the mail for membership this month. The mail application was from Matt Nomura. However, his membership will not be official until he attends a meeting. ***A motion was made by Paul W, and seconded by Juan O. to accept the application for membership. The motion passed unanimously.*** Stephen also reported that the State SIR will no longer be handling the Seniors Certificate Awards. So, he will take on the responsibility for Senior and SuperSenior Certificates. Stephen also checked the State SIR list for Seniors from our branch, and he discovered that there are a number of member's names on the list who are deceased. He will report these names to the State organization for removal. Stephen noted that he has found five members in our branch who are deserving of a Senior or Super Senior Certificate: They are Jim Morita, Bill Beckman, Howard Ferguson, Jack Fiori, and David Mattheis. ***A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.***

**6.2 Golf**: Bill R. asked for a list members who have not paid their dues and who were dropped from the membership rolls so he can contact those that are golfers.

**6.3 Activities:** Paul W. reported that Greg S. will be joining the DineIn/Dine Out group.

**6.4 Speakers:** It was reported that John Solis (Retired) will be our June speaker. He was Executive Director with the WorkNet Employment and Economic Development Department in the Stockton Office.

## **7.0 Old Business**

**7.1 Dues Collection for 2022:** Mark reported that 41 members have not paid their dues as of now. All members of the BEC have paid their dues. This brings our current membership in Branch 145 to 79. Unpaid members are being dropped in accordance with the motion passed by the BEC in January 11 meeting. ***A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. that former members who pay their dues in full will be reinstated this year and that new members will be charged pro-rata for their dues. The motion passed unanimously.***

**7.2 Picnic Planning:** Paul said that 52 tickets have been sold for the picnic, including Branch 146. Members may purchase tickets at the door. Paul reported he has volunteers for most jobs at the picnic. However, he still needs a volunteer for Raffle Ticket Sales and a Bingo Runner. Glenn Nellman is the Stockton #46 Branch's contact for the Picnic. The profits from the raffle and the tickets go to our branch. At this time, we have only two raffle prizes. We need more prizes, and Paul stated that golf prizes are particularly popular. The menu will be BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, chili beans, potato salad, and ice cream. Paul will organize a last minute zoom meeting to handle details for the picnic. The cost is \$20 for an individual or \$30 for a couple. Each additional individual is \$10. The cost for tickets at the event is \$25 for an individual and \$35 for a couple. The event will be held at the Delta Shelter at Micke Grove.

**7.3. Checking Account Authorized Signors:** Harry noted that this task has been completed. All signors are on board.

## **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 COVID Protocols Review:** Mark noted that there is nothing new to report. We are not requiring masks at meetings, but vaccinations are required for entry into the meetings. Masks may be worn by those who wish. A proof of vaccination question will be added to the SIR application to meet state guidelines.

**8.2 Member Transport:** Mark said that after the newsletter article requesting volunteers for transporting members to meetings we had one volunteer come forward. He is Andy Neal.

**8.3 Nominating Committee/Open Positions:** Mark tabled the discussion of the nominating committee until our June meeting. Harry M. requested that Juan O. be made Treasurer as of May 1st. Harry will remain on as Assistant Treasurer. ***A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. to make Juan Ochoa the Treasurer and***

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***Harry Martin the Assistant Treasurer as of May 1st. The motion passed unanimously.***

**8.4 Newsletter:** Mark reported that there was a delay in this month's Newsletter. Mark said that in order to get the Newsletter out by the first of the month, we will have to forgo having the lunch menu in the Newsletter. It was the consensus of the group that this would be acceptable.

**8.5 Branch Website:** Our Area Governor, Richard Provost, sent an email to Mark noting that our website was not up to date. Mark reported that we have not had a webmaster since 2019. Mark will follow-up with the Area Governor, and he will have the minutes and updates added to the web page. John C. volunteered to help with the webpage.

### **9.0 Good of the Order:**

Paul and Mark will work on the updates for our recruitment cards for new members.

Harry also commented on speakers. He thought that the more popular speakers are those that speak on local issues. He also noted that the more effective speakers were those that spoke for 30 to 35 minutes, including the question and answer time. It also noted that it would be a good idea to prep speakers as to what is expected prior to them coming to the luncheon. It was noted that the usual time slot for speakers is 12:25 to 1:00 pm. A discussion ensued about various speakers. It was noted that political candidates are not invited as speakers. However, those who currently hold office are sought after to speak to the responsibilities and efforts of their office.

**11.0 Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.