

Sons in Retirement
Branch #145
Executive Committee Meeting
October 10, 2023

1. Call to Order at 1:05 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call: The following officers and directors were present for the meeting: Paul Wright, Stephen Hellmer, Bill Rutherford, Juan Ochoa, Felix Moran, Joe Stephens, and Mark Wahlman Absent: Tony Moles,

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for September 12, 2023:

A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Paul W. to approve the minutes for the September 12th, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Juan reported that the beginning balance as of September 29th 2023 was 4,003.88 and the ending balance was \$3,789.18. We had a decrease in the amount of 214.70. A motion to accept the financial report was moved by Felix M. and seconded by Bill R. The motion passed unanimously.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: There are 4 pending applications and 2 applications that have been received. The two received are from Jon Foverault and Frank Kloe. A motion was made by Paul W. to accept the application from Jon Foverault and seconded by Bill R. Another motion was made by Mark W. and seconded by Paul W. to accept the application from Frank

Kloe. Both application were accepted by a unanimous vote. This increases our total membership to 85 members. A motion was made by Paul W. to accept the report and seconded by Juan O. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Golf: Bill R. mentioned the golf tournament 10/11/23 at The Reserve and the last tournament for the year on Wednesday, Oct. 25th at Micke Grove. A motion was made by Joe S. to accept the report and seconded by Felix M. The motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Activities: Paul reported that the Dine In/out group will be meeting at the Waterloo restaurant on October 19th at 6 p.m. and that the Wine group will have its next get together on November 14th to be hosted by the Coakley's. A motion to accept Paul's report by Mark W. and seconded by Stephen H. The motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Speakers: Today's speaker was Kerry Suess in regarding OnWatch: related to Spotting, Reporting, and Preventing Human Trafficking. OnWatch is a survivor-led training designed to empower you to spot, report, and prevent sex trafficking where you live, work, and play. Sex trafficking is the second largest criminal industry in the country. Learn to Recognize the Signs of Sex Trafficking by educating yourself. You can help save lives, change lives, and provide a future for survivors of sex trafficking. A meeting, available to all, will be held November 8th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hutchins Street Square 125 S. Hutchins Street in Lodi, Ca. Doors open at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$25.00 Funds

raised will go to support OnWatch. You can help break the cycle and be the difference!

Mark W. reported that we now have the following speakers for our November luncheon: Susan Rothman and Becky Cameron from the SJ County Behavioral Health Lethal Means Suicide Prevention Committee as well as Cassandra Meredith from the Suicide Prevention Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator for the Veterans Administration Northern CA. Health care System.

In January 2024, our speakers will be Rick Maines and Keith Colgan from the Lodi Amateur Radio Club. They will be sharing some personal experiences as hams, discuss the importance of their hobby to the community, and demonstrate some remarkable capabilities.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Branch Recruitment – Advertising: Mark W. reported that a meeting notice was not included in the Lodi News Sentinel, but that he thought the notice in the Woodbridge and West Lodi Neighbors publication would continue.

7.2 Update Bank Account Authorized Signers: Mark W., Juan Ochoa, and Joe Stephens are the current signers for our bank account.

7.3 Review of various SIR Policies and Procedures:

Mark W. brought to our attention Policy 8 regarding donations to charities, etc. Policy 8 Community Involvement Program states “SIR, incorporated, and its Branches shall **not** provide monetary support directly or

indirectly to any entity: charitable or civic project party, affiliation, group, or organization other than SIR.”

7.4 New Member Induction proposal: The following is a draft induction oath for discussion at today’s meeting.

“Of all the creatures on earth, none express more independence and dignity with sureness and aplomb than the rooster. The majesty of his presence is felt in every barnyard, and when he crows, he can be heard for miles, not in a fainthearted crow, but with a noise that calls attention to his being.”

Our founders chose the rooster as the official logo to represent the freedom he displays around the barnyard. We have paid our dues to the world and now is the time for us to strut and crow a little.

As a member of SIR, we count on you to be a friendly sociable guy; attend our activities, luncheons, and events; participate in Branch operations (as your interests and capabilities allow); and bring guests to perpetuate and enhance the diversity of our Branch.

A motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Felix M. to adopt the above wording for our #145 branch. The motion passed unanimously.

7.6 Holiday Lunch and Branch 46:

Tickets are \$35.00 and now on sale for the Christmas lunch December 13, 2023.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Dues 2024:

The motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Paul W. to keep the annual dues at \$20.00 for 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

9.0 Good of the Order: None

10.0 Adjourn:

10.1 The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Submitted by Joe Stephens in the absence of Tony Moles, Secretary.