

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

1.0 Call to Order at 1:04 pm.

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

Absent: Stephen Hellmer and Mike Lynn

3.0 Guests: None

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for Nov 14, 2023:

A motion was made by Paul C. and seconded by John C. to approve the minutes for the November 14, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Juan reported a beginning balance of \$3306.15. The expenses for the Holiday lunch and gratuity, the Newsletter, and office supplies were \$2684.80. Our income from the holiday lunch was \$2135.00, *making our ending balance \$2756.35. **The motion to accept the financial report was moved by Felix M. and seconded by Joe S. The motion passed unanimously.*** Juan mentioned that lunches at the Elkhorn Country Club will increase to \$26.00 He also gave a shout out to thank Bill R. for all his work for the golf group.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: In Stephen's absence, Mark reported that we have 88 members in Branch 145.

6.2 Golf: Bill noted that 74 members have renewed in our golf group. A couple of those are from other branches. Our first tournament will be on February 21. **The motion to accept the golf report was made by Felix M. and Joe S. The motion passed unanimously.**

6.3 Activities: Paul noted that the **Activities Schedule was passed on December 8th 2023, with an email vote based on the motion made by Paul W. and seconded by Mike L. in November 14th BEC meeting. The vote was 9 in favor, zero nos, and one abstension. The motion passed.** See attachment of the Activities Schedule. Paul reported that Dave and Mary Dias will be chairs for the Wine group, and the chairs for the Dine In/Dine Out group will be Mark and Debbie Wahlman. Paul stated that the DineIn/DineOut Group and the Wine Group will be meeting on the fourth Thursday of the month on alternating months so as to avoid any conflicts with their schedules. The Wine Group has hosts scheduled for January, May, and July, but they still need hosts for March, September, and November. The picnic will be on the second Tuesday in May and the Holiday Luncheon will be on the 2nd Wednesday of December. **A motion to accept the Activities Report was made by Bill R. and seconded by Felix M. It passed unanimously.**

6.4 Speakers: Mark also noted that February's speaker will be SIR member Ron Russell discussing Personal Security, ID Theft, and Scams. We have no speakers scheduled for March or April at this time. It was suggested that a representative from the Stockton Ports might speak to us in March or April at the start of baseball season. They have a program for group tickets that we could participate in. It was noted that the Sacramento Rivercats have a program for group tickets as well. Mark and Felix will check into this.

7.0 Old Business

7.1 Holiday Lunch Report: Juan noted we had 62 people at the Holiday Lunch. Juan thanked Paul for his efforts in organizing the Luncheon, and Paul Reiner for arranging for the Woodbridge Country Club. And a thank you to Debbie Wahlman and Lynda Canton for the flower arrangements. After a short discussion as to whether or not tickets were necessary for this event, **a motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by John C. to not print tickets for the Holiday luncheon in 2024. The motion passed unanimously.**

7.2 Activities Schedule Approvals: See Section 6.3

7.3 2024 Dues Collection: As of today, 36 members have paid their dues.

7.4 Advertising-Lodi News: Mann Column: Mark noted that Steve Mann of the Lodi NewsSentinel is willing to write of our organization in his column. Mark was wondering who or what we should put in as the contact person. It was noted that for our website the contact person could be Stephen Hellmer. Stephen is currently on vacation which may explain why there was no response to Mark's contact attempt. It was decided for now that Juan O. will be the contact person via his email in Steve Mann's column.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Song and Prayer Leader: Paul suggested we have an appointed backup Song and Prayer leader. Paul is willing to volunteer to be backup prayer leader. Mark will check to see if Ray Schramm would be willing to be backup song leader. Howard and Paul will remain the primary Song and Prayer leader respectively.

8.2 Audit 2023: Mark says the audit is due in a couple of weeks. Bill R. and Paul W. volunteered to be the auditors. **A motion was made that Bill R. and Paul W. be the general auditors for 2023. The motion was made by Bill R. and seconded by Paul W. The motion passed unanimously.**

8.3 Attendance at Luncheons: Juan would like to increase attendance at lunch. He suggested having a couple trial meetings a year at Casa Flores Restaurant in

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Lodi. He thinks this may help attendance. They have a dining room that will seat 80 to 100 people, and their prices are more reasonable at \$15 to \$18. He suggested we could charge \$20 and that would make a couple dollars for the branch's treasury. We would select a couple of items from their large menu. There was a general consensus that this was worth a try.

9.0 Good of the Order: None

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.