

SIRS Branch 145 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

1.0 Call to Order at 1:15 pm.

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

Absent: Felix Moran

3.0 Guests: John Cardoza, Travel Rep for Area 18

4.0 Approval of the Minutes for February 13, 2024:

A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Mark W. to approve the minutes for the February 13, 2024 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

5.0 Treasurer's Report/Action

Joe reported a beginning balance of \$3453.35. The expense for the Newsletter was \$114.70, the deposit fee for the picnic area at Micke Grove was \$435, and the State Sir assessment was \$220.00 for 88 members. Total expenses were \$769.70. We had income from dues of \$260.00 and \$28.00 from the raffle. Leaving an ending balance of \$2844.49. ***The motion to accept the financial report was moved by Paul W. and seconded by John C. The motion passed unanimously.***

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Membership: Stephen reported that Neil Altied, who was sponsored by Juan O., and John Foucrault have not been formally inducted as yet. Our membership remains at 88 members. Stephen reported that John Focault was present today, but he was not inducted. Stephen also noted that two other members have been approved for membership, but they have not been formally inducted. A discussion followed as to when members can be inducted, and what privileges they have before induction. Mark noted that guests can attend three events and up to a total of five events with Big Sir approval. Stephen said that there were 4 guests today. Three of those submitted applications. Robert Pirie, who was sponsored by Luis Baumbach, submitted an application. **A motion was made by Paul W. and seconded by Juan O. to approve his application for membership. It was approved unanimously.** Mark Shimosaki was sponsored by Matt Nomura, and **the motion to approve his application for membership was made by Juan O. and seconded by Bill R. William. This motion passed unanimously.** Ginsbach was sponsored by Ron Russell. **A motion was made by Juan O. and seconded by Mike L. to accept his application for membership, and this motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mike L. and second by Mark W. to accept the membership report. The motion passed unanimously.**

6.2 Golf: Bill noted that the NCGA Fee was \$2256. This leaves a balance of about \$800 in the account. This fee includes twenty-five members from the Stockton Branch. Bill also noted that our Davis Golf tournament is tomorrow. Bill said that State Sir is trying to organize a tournament in Fresno. He will keep us informed. **A motion to accept the golf report was made by Mark W. and seconded by Paul W. The motion passed unanimously.**

6.3 Activities: Paul reported that Dine In/Dine Out is meeting next month and the Wine Group is meeting this month at Dave and Mary Diaz's home.

Regarding the picnic, Paul noted it is scheduled for the second Tuesday, May 14th, from 10:30 to 1:30 pm at Micke Grove. The menu will be Mexican food with tickets for members and guests at \$20 each. The menu will be chicken, pork, and carne asada, rice and beans with a taco style buffet. Raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated. We had 64 people at the picnic last year, and ticket sales are on schedule to be about the same this year. Branch 146 (Stockton) has taken 25 tickets.

Paul will check on ticket sales for a group meet at a River Cats game. He will report back next month.

Juan reported on the lunch meeting locations and the survey from today's meeting. After a preliminary discussion of the survey, Mark volunteered to review the survey's and report back to the group. Juan mentioned Casa Flores and he reported that the buffet prices vary from \$18 to \$24 depending on the number of menu items. John reported that Lodi Bowl has a room upstairs, and they have a menu similar to Elkhorn. **Mark made a motion to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously. It was seconded by Bill R.**

6.4 Speakers: Mark said that the April speakers will be Scott Hamilton, a member of the Lodi Renovation Committee and Cynthia Marsh who is the Head of the Lodi City Planning Department. They will be speaking on the remodel of the First Fire Station and City Hall for the City of Lodi. Our June speaker will be Christine Jaromay who is the Head of the Dept. of Parks and Recreation for the City of Lodi. **A motion was made by Juan O. and seconded by Bill R. to accept the Speaker Report. The motion passed unanimously.**

7.0 Old Business

7.1 2024 Dues Collection: Today we collected \$260, which means thirteen additional members paid. So far this year, 64 members of our 80 eligible members have paid their dues. Dues may be mailed to Joe Stephens. **A motion was made by Juan and seconded by Mike to accept the dues report. The motion passed unanimously.**

7.2 Advertising: Mike L. sent information to Steve Mann for his column in the Lodi News Sentinel, and there was a nice write up in Steve Mann's column. Mark sent a statement to the Woodbridge & West Lodi Neighbors Magazine to invite people to our next meeting.

8.0 New Business

8.1 Survey Results: In a preliminary report, Juan tallied all the votes in the survey. Elkhorn received 40 points, Casa Flores received 59 points, and Lodi Bowling received 43 points. A discussion ensued. Mark volunteered to review the surveys and he will report back to the BEC.

It was noted that any caterer for our group must comply with the State SIR policy guidelines. This is a problem as all caterer's do not wish to be involved with all the

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paper work and liability insurance issues. Juan would like to hear any concerns and/or ideas that will help us reach a good decision.

9.0 Good of the Order: None

10.0 Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 pm.

Submitted By Tony Moles, Secretary.