

SIR Branch 5
Branch Executive Committee Meeting
OCT 23, 2024 - 10AM

1. Call to Order. 10:05 AM

2. A quorum of Board members was confirmed. In attendance were Gary Hornberger, Phil Yurtis , Dan Haley, Carl Orta, Howard Trudeau, Roy Dreisbach, Gerry Delisle, John Whittier.
Andy Danver was our guest today.

3. Motion made, seconded, and passed for Approval of Minutes of 9/25/2024 BEC meeting
4. Secretary Report – Phil Yurtis. Report ACCEPTED..

5. Treasurer Report – Carl Orta for Pete LoPresto. Bank balance is \$1750.21.
Sept meals income: \$720. (18 members)
Sept meals expense: \$779.32 (20 meals)

We need to address 2025 dues and meals cost.

Average cost per meal: \$38.96

Current per meal income: \$40

We average 3 free lunches per meeting.

Oct SIR, Inc assessment: \$80. This is our only other cost per quarter.

It was noted that branch 35 has raised its dues to \$45.

6. Membership Report – Howard Trudeau. 33 members to date.
We have recruited one new member, a friend of Gerry Delisle. He is Joe Zaelit who could not attend today, but will be here for November meeting and will be inducted into branch 5 as our 34th member.

7. Holiday Party December 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Howard Trudeau.
It wil include show by Mountain View High School Madrigal singers plus raffle prizes.
Reservation forms will be handed out to all lunch attendees today to fill out and mail to Pete LoPresto.

Cost will be \$50 per person, tip included, for a plated luncheon paid for in advance by November 20.

8. 2025 Branch 5 meeting dates have had motion made, seconded, and passed for:

January 22

February 26

March 26

April 23

May 28

June 25

July 23 (Summer barbeque)

August 27

September 24

October 22

November 19. (note this is 3rd Wednesday)

December 3. (Holiday Party on 1st Wednesday)

9. Speaker report. Carl Orta
Andy Danver will substitute for Tony Mazzeo (Webb Telescope presentation).
Andy gave our board a fantastic preview of today's SIR history presentation to be elaborated on at lunch.
Tony will be our speaker for November.
10. State SIR membership meeting Andy Danver
Recruiting ideas were major items discussed. A professional website development is high priority. We need a webmaster. John Whittier suggested Jon Hansen would be excellent for the position and will ask him at lunch today.
11. Leadership changes for 2025. Howard Trudeau and Gary Hornberger
Duties were suggested for each officer so offers could be made.
On Nov 8 a zoom workshop on leadership is scheduled.
12. Call for adjournment was made at 11:02 AM.

