

## **MINUTES – BRANCH 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

Attendees: Roy Dreisbach, Gary Hornberger, Pete LoPresto, Gerry DeLisle, Dan Haley, John Whittier, and Howard Trudeau

Guest: John Lakstigala

1. Meeting was called to order by Big SIR Gary Hornberger at 10:07 AM
2. A quorum was confirmed
3. New BEC Director, John Whittier, was welcomed.
4. The Minutes of the January 24, 2024 meeting were approved.
5. Secretary Phil Yurtis was absent so there was no Secretary report.
6. Treasurer Pete LoPresto reported the treasury balance is \$1963.46. Dues have been paid by 29 of our 31 members. Unpaid members Dave Spaulding and Bob Simons have promised to send in their dues for 2024.
7. Membership Chair Howard Trudeau reported the resignation of Adel Nazzal, bringing the total membership to 31. Adel resigned for health reasons. He has been a member of Branch 5 since October 2005.
8. Big SIR gave the Speaker Report in the absence of Carl Orta. Today's speaker will be Paul Schutz of Branch 35 speaking on his recent trip to Dubai of the UAE. The March speaker will be Rachel Young from Filoli Gardens. Director John Whittier offered to be an emergency fill-in speaker in the future, speaking about the St. Joseph Cathedral where he is Docent Chair.
9. Big SIR Hornberger reported that he and Little SIR Roy Dreisbach attended the Area 13 meeting on February 23, chaired by Andy Danver, the Temporary Area 13 Representative. There are 7 branches in Area 13. Branch 5 and Branch 16 are the smallest and Branch 35 the largest. Our average age of 80 matches the average age of the area. Our \$40 dues are about the same as the average for the area. Our lunch price of \$40 is the highest of the area, but we have the best food. A State leadership meeting will be held in Lafayette on March 15. Andy Danver will attend.
10. Golf with Branch 16 seems to be going well, but hampered by the wet conditions. Bocce, with Branch 35, is on hold until the court dries out.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Trudeau