

SIR Branch 5

MINUTES

NOV 13, 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, Roy Dreisbach, Gerry Delisle, Pete LoPresto
3. Motion made, seconded, and passed for Approval of Minutes of 10/25/2024 BEC meeting
4. Secretary Report – Phil Yurtis. Report ACCEPTED..

5. Treasurer Report –Pete LoPresto

Bank balance is \$2203.99

Oct lunch had 23 paid lunches (20 members and 3 guests).

3 free lunches provided—speaker plus 2 members

Holiday lunch deposits are \$1250 for 25 reservations.

A \$100 gift will be presented by Pete LoPresto to Jose, our luncheon and holiday party head waiter/overseer for his superb work.

A motion was motion made, seconded, and passed to raise annual dues for 2025 to \$50.

A motion was motion made, seconded, and passed to eliminate the free lunch for birthdays.

A motion was motion made, seconded, and passed to provide a free lunch for any guest considering a new branch 5 membership in 2025.

Four paying guests expected from branch 16 (Armando Muela, Dave Redfern, Mike Sheehan, Ken Taylor) who will attend our lunch today.

Our new member, Joe Zaelit, will be inducted at lunch today as our 34th member.

6. New branch 5 website.

John Hansen is well along creating a first class website and will present it at our January meeting.

7. Speaker report. Carl Orta

Today's speaker will be Tony Mazzucco with a slide presentation on the Webb telescope.

For January Carl has secured a financial planner speaker.

8. Senior SIR awards to be presented to Jim Stevens and Roger Teeter today.

Also a Certificate of Appreciation and pen will be presented to Carl Orta for his many duties supporting branch 5.

9. SIR membership Advertisement in Los Altos Town Crier under development

Ad cost to be \$300-\$400 for one issue. Branch 5 has agreed to support it, and branches 35 and 51 are discussing supporting.

Any responses will be sent to Andy Danvers who will forward them to branches 5, 35, and 51 all who meet in the Town Crier readership area.

10. Leadership changes for 2025.

President (big SIR rename)	Still infilled
Vice president	Phil Yurtis
Secretary	Dan Haley
Asst Secretary/membership	John Whittier
Treasurer	Pete LoPresto
Asst Treasurer/Speaker	Carl Orta
Directors	Gerry DeLisle, Tom Donahue, Flemming Nielson
Webmaster	John Hansen

11. Call for adjournment was made at 11:02 AM with a reminder for our December 4th Holiday Party