

SUNNYVALE BRANCH 62
BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FOR
September 14, 2023

Present: Slusser, Miller, Riopel, Hohenshelt, Burnham, Dieckman, Pettygrove

Absent; Boole, Pastorino, Anderson

Big Sir Heber opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

A motion was made by Heber and seconded by John D to approve the treasurer's report. **Motion passed.**

We currently have 39 members. A question was asked if Phil Smith is still a member?

A motion was made by Heber and seconded by John D to approve Form 27. **Motion passed.**

Heber discussed per meal pricing with Macara rather than a flat cost per meal. John D. checked with the manager of Macara, and it was refused. The cost remains at \$25 per meal.

A motion was made by Heber to offer a candidate to join SIRs a free meal when they attend their first lunch. Our current tradition is for the sponsor to pay for the candidate's meal, then be reimbursed by the branch after the candidate joins. A very lively discussion followed. **The motion was later withdrawn.**

A motion to increase our annual dues was made by Jack P and seconded by Paul G. After some discussion, the **motion passed.** We need to discuss the dues amount with Roger F (not present).

Heber reported that our branch had picked up 11 possible candidates for membership at the De Anza flea market recruiting effort. Some will attend our luncheon meeting today.

One of the candidates, Christine Hempler, is coming to today's lunch meeting. Heber recommended we allow women to join as associate members and pay \$20 per year as a contribution (not dues). After some discussion, our group agreed.

The BEC discussed awards, and how we had not done any for quite a while. An award committee was created. Its members include Mike Miller, Tom Burley, and Bobbie Byers.

Heber emphasized the importance of having speakers at our luncheon meetings. John D. pointed out that the September and October meetings are covered, and he and Bruce E, have split the search for speakers for November and 2024.

Heber then called on our various committees to report on activities.

Heber said we should remove references to requirements for attendance at our meetings from the Rooster since we no longer enforce them. (Mike M took an action to make that change in the October Rooster).

Bruce Edmundson won the birthday drawing.

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