

# *Board Minutes*

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## BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### SIR ALMADEN BRANCH #94

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August 15, 2024

Three Flames Restaurant, 1530 Meridian Avenue, San Jose.

CALL TO ORDER by Big Sir, Rich Lordan 10:01 AM

- I. QUORUM PRESENT: Leo Pursley, Neil Keever, Chris Monahan, Chuck McCoy, Gary Levison, Rich Lordan, Bob Joyce, Paul Berg, and Ted Head. Parker Willey  
Absent: Ed Shpiel, John Sargent, Mike Conley

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

All present received an **agenda**. Approval Moved by Leo, Second Neil. Unanimous voice vote to approve.

- a. Chris gave an update on **today's speaker** (Mary Alden). It was agreed that internal speakers would be sprinkled in with outside speakers to keep things fresh. Luncheon topics should be relevant and light. Many thanks to Chris for all of his work. It's crucial!

TREASURER'S REPORT – Branch 94 **financials**;  
\$2,855.12 starting August 1. Financials also includes cash on hand of \$75. All bills are paid.

Dues now \$25 per year. State dues are \$2.50 per 2023 member per quarter. Per Gary, membership was 50 YE 2023. Now stands at 40 active and 1 inactive.

- a. Year over year financial. July closing \$3830.95. \$900.83 less than last year. Some reduction can be attributed to lower membership and increased State charge. We have implemented some countermeasures that have yet to take effect. We'll see if the bleeding slows and revisit at a later date.
- b. Gary made a proposal to the group. The Stamp he uses is no longer correct. Gary got approval to buy a new stamp at approximately \$80. Motion of acceptance by Leo, Second Neil, unanimous approval voice vote.
- c. Ted Head on the **barbeque**. Everyone was happy with the picnic. The food was a big hit and we want to continue with that vendor. In the tickler file... Maybe ask for a waiver on our sales tax next year because we are a non-profit. Thanks to Ted and Leo and spouses for all of their work on the picnic. The financials were acceptable. No suggestion to increase ticket prices.
- d. Chris scouted **adjacent branches** (branch 54) who are centered nearby. They have weekly golf, and weekly hiking. They meet at the three flames every second Thursday. Thanks to Chris for all the leg work. **Rich** will contact their Big Sir directly.

- i. Membership number and direction
- ii. Dues, luncheon \$
- iii. Activities
- iv. Amenability to joint activities, etc.

#### ACTIVITIES -

- b. Bob Kuechler supported **Sal Garcia's** wife with flowers after his passing. Leo, Bob K, Ted and Olinda, Dan and Yvonne went to the service.
- c. **A/V system**. It seems like everything is in order with the existing system. Leo got him the speakers. **Chris** will assemble and see if it works and get back to us.
- d. Neil presented some ideas on the remaining Sir paraphernalia. We will continue to have drawings to pare down the **inventory**. **Neil** will do the raffle as scheduled this month and announce a future auction.
- e. **Rich** will ask the Branch 54 Big Sir how to post to the website by Branch.
- f. **Parker** will send the Branch 94 Roster and Spreadsheet to Rich for distribution.

**III. Leo will check in again on the Elks.**

IV. Next Board meeting September 19, 2024.

V. Adjournment was moved by Gary, seconded by Leo and approved unanimously at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Chris Monahan, Secretary, Branch 94