

Board Minutes

BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SIR ALMADEN BRANCH #94

February 15, 2024

Three Flames Restaurant, 1530 Meridian Avenue, San Jose

- I. CALL TO ORDER by Big Sir, Rich Lordan 10:05 AM

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

- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA. All present received an agenda. Approval Moved by Leo, Second Neil. Unanimous voice vote to approve.
 - a. OLD BUSINESS –MINUTES of the January Meeting were received and approved. Motion, Bob, Second Leo. Unanimous voice vote.
 - b. TREASURER’S REPORT – Branch 94 financials; \$3415.28 starting January 1. With expenses for luncheon, etc., plus dues, the ending January balance is \$3478.28. All bills are paid.

- Financials also includes cash on hand of \$75. Motion of acceptance by Leo, Second Neil, unanimous approval voice vote.
- c. State assessment raised to \$2.50 per quarter per member. After team discussion it was determined that Branch 94 will raise the dues to \$25 per member per year effective April 1, 2024. Rich will announce to the full membership at the Luncheon. Motion, Bob, Second Neil. Unanimous voice vote.
 - d. Neil hosted a special meeting to audit the treasurer's report. Those who attended were Leo, Gary, Rich, Ed, and Neil. Audit completed and Form 29 submitted to BEC. Inventory verified with estimated value of \$650. Project complete.

ACTIVITIES -

- a. Leo has the lead on the Elk's Club. Management anticipates opening in March. The initial proposed Luncheon pricing is prohibitively expensive. Leo will continue to work with the Elks to try to find agreeable pricing.
- b. Leo and Paul have lead on this year's special events. Leo will send dates to Rich for inclusion in newsletter. Ted offered to pitch in as needed. Gary will work with Leo and Paul regarding possible alternative caterers for the picnic.

- c. Parker brought the latest draft of the roster. Parker will work with attendees to review the roster as they sign in today.
- d. Chris, our speaker coordinator, told us about Neil Keever's upcoming presentation on sign posts.
- e. It was agreed that internal speakers, such as Neil this month and Ray next month, will be issued a free lunch pass.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Leo and member Gary Cameron are promoting the pool hall activities. Leo will make a reminder announcement at the Luncheon. Rich will add the details to the newsletter.
- b. The team had a discussion for the Branch goals for 2024. The principal goals thus far are to increase membership, to increase activities, and to stabilize the financial position.

V. Next Board meeting March 21, 2024.

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

Respectfully Submitted for Approval,

Chris Monahan, Secretary, Branch 94