Minutes of Sons in Retirement, Luther Burbank Branch 17 BEC (Board Executive Council)

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Attendees: Big SIR Gordon Boultbee\*, Little SIR Gary Bondi\*, Asst. Secretary Steve Saulsbury\*, Treasurer Al Petrie\*, Asst. Treasurer John Gnam\*, Director Barry Bialkoski\*, Director Bill Grafeld\*, Director Ken Johnson\*, Director Neil Wheeler\*, Webmaster Dennis Mangan, Lunch Food Coordinator Glenn Seime, Past Area Governor Bob Reuther, Rich de Lambert, Little SIR-Elect Chris Nelle, Bark Editor Rich Osborne.

* signifies voting members.

**Agenda Items: Notes - (Motioned By / Seconded By - Voting Results):**

#1 Call to Order (9:45am)

#2 Approve Agenda: (Barry / Ken - approved unanimously).

#3 Approve November 2022 BEC meeting minutes: No questions or discussion. (Neil / Barry - approved unanimously).

#4 Treasurer’s Report: Per Al, Approve November 2022 Form 28 Income and Expense Detail. According to Al, the Branch had a loss of $72.00 after all income and expenses, with $3098.00 remaining in the cash account at the end of November. Detailed income and expenses for the Branch #17 Form 28 can be found on the Branch website. Motion to approve: (Barry / John – approved unanimously).

#5 Approve Membership Report (Form 27): per Elias we closed the month of November with 95 members.

#6 Confirmed by Little SIR Gary Bondi that Forms 27 and 28 were sent to State and Area Governor.

OLD BUSINESS:

#7 2023 dues collection: Per Treasurer Al, he has received checks from 25 Branch members for their 2023 dues.

#8 Community Involvement Project: Per Barry, we had 14 Branch members and one accompanying wife at last months service project at the Redwood Food Bank. We plan to do it again on 1/12/2023. Rich de Lambert suggested that activities chairmen check the Branch calendar on the website prior to scheduling new activities so as to limit overlap of times or dates that could reduce the number of members able to attend any one event.

#9 Confirm CIP (Community Involvement Project) Vice Chairs: Rich and George have volunteered to vice chairs for the Community Involvement Project activities. (Gary / Bill – approved unanimously).

#10 Training by State for BEC officers and directors: Gordon mentioned that training for incoming officers and directors will not happen for this year, however there is training material on the State website.

NEW BUSINESS:

#11 Review of food service changes; luncheon call sheets; no-shows: Per Glenn, the confirmed number of luncheon attendees must be provided to the Grille by 2pm on the Wednesday of the week before the luncheon (eight days prior to the meeting). Though it is expected that the menu will not be available prior to this day, the menu can be placed on the Branch website. The BARK is produced each month prior to when the monthly luncheon menu would be available for inclusion. The call list will need to be finalized by 6pm on Monday of the week before the luncheon (10 days before the luncheon).

Bill suggested members make their own reservations on the luncheon call list. Neil mentioned that we can’t use Google Sheets for self-reservations, but maybe a different process for online reservations can be made in the future.

Per Glenn, the BV Grille will be charging us for the count we will be giving them. To add a bit of a safety cushion, Glenn undercounts the number of attendees by 2-3 people each month. Gordon plans to wait and see how the restaurant handles lunch charges for no-shows.

#12 Replacement director for Tom Lubas: With the recent passing of Director Tom Lubas, Rich de Lambert has been appointed as the replacement director for the remainder of 2022. Rich was also nominated to be a full-term Director for 2023. The full Board will vote on his 2023 term at the January BEC meeting. (Gary / Barry – approved unanimously).

#13 Membership / Attendance Chair replacements: Gordon has volunteered to serve as Chairman for the Membership and Attendance Committee. (Steve / Bill – approved unanimously).

#14 Proposed 2023 audit committee: Marvin Mai and Stan Borges have volunteered for the Audit Committee. (Gary / Barry – approved unanimously).

#15 Proposed 2023 nominating committee: Gordon, George, and Dennis have volunteered for the Nominating Committee. (Gary / Ken – approved unanimously).

#16 Holiday bonus for Epicenter staff: Donations were made by Branch members, and a Holiday Bonus was given to five Epicenter staff members who were directly involved with our Branch luncheons over the past year.

#17 Feedback from State Forum Zoom meetings 12/6 & 12/8: As explained by Gordon, the following items were addressed on the Zoom meetings: There is a Speakers Exchange on the state SIR website to find or recommend possible speakers for the Branch luncheons; There are no longer Regional Directors, and Area Governors have been replaced by Area Representatives; Neil Wheeler gave a very informative report on the use of SIR yard signs; the Branches need to keep in mind the importance of activities other than just the monthly luncheons to attract and retain members.

#18 10:50AM – Motion to adjourn ( – approved unanimously).

Draft minutes submitted by Secretary Terry Freeman. Notes made from cell phone recording of the meeting and from hand written notes from Asst Secretary Steve Saulsbury.