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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Attendees: Big SIR Gary Bondi\*, Little SIR Chris Nelle\*, Secretary Terry Freeman\*, Treasurer Al Petrie\*, Asst. Treasurer John Gnam\*, Director Barry Bialkoski\*, Director Bill Grafeld\*, Director and Publicity Chair Neil Wheeler\*, Director Dave Harris\*, Director Rich de Lambert\*, Picnic Chair Ted Scapeccia, Lunch Food Coordinator Glenn Seime, Member Relations Chair George Traverso, CIP Co-Chair Bob Reuther, Membership Chair and Nominating Committee Chair Gordon Boultbee, Webmaster, Recruiting Chair Dennis Mangan, Marc Perl.

* signifies voting members.

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

#1. (9:45am) Call to Order and roll call (see above attendees).

#2. Approve Agenda and add any new items: Adding to item #13 – member survey and June meeting.

#3. Approve April 2023 BEC meeting minutes: No additions or corrections. (Barry / Chris - approved unanimously).

#4. Treasurer’s Report: The Monthly Cash Report (Form 28), and the Income & Expense Report have been completed by Treasurer Al Petrie. After all expenses and various forms of income were totaled, we had an increase of $1092.00 to our cash total for the month of May. A detailed copy of the May Treasurer’s Report can be found on the Branch website. (Neil / Barry - approved unanimously).

#5. Approve Membership Report (Form 27): As reported by Membership Chair Gordon, we added one new member, but lost one member during the past month. As of today’s meeting, we have 97 members in our Branch. Neil Wheeler mentioned we were at this same number of members five years ago. Based on the number of Branches in the state, and the total number of members, Neil mentioned the average number of members is 100 per Branch, which Bob Reuther said the State considers a good level per Branch. (Bill / Chris - approved unanimously).

#6. Confirmed by Little SIR Chris Nelle that Forms 27 and 28 were sent to the State and Area representative.

OLD BUSINESS:

#7. Final Recap on Paid Dues: Per Treasurer Al, Al current members are now paid up regarding their annual dues.

#8. Recruiting Update: Per Director Rich, new magnetic signs have been ordered that can be attached to our cars. These will be shared signs. Three new people from the Howarth Park coffee table have recently shown interest in possibly joining the Branch.

NEW BUSINESS:

#9. New Member Application: Applicant Richard Harkness has already been an attendee at a couple of our branch activities. Motion to approve Rich’s application for membership: (Bill / Chris – approved unanimously). Rich will be inducted at the luncheon today.

#10. Picnic: Picnic Chair Ted Scapeccia informed us that all details of the picnic are in order. Desert will be Haagen-Dazs cups. Though we have lots of donated wine, we could use more raffle prizes. There will be between 120 and 130 people this year. A new picnic chairperson will be needed for next year.

#11. Final Update Report from Nominating Committee: The full slate of names for the 2024 Branch 17 BEC was emailed by Gordon to all BEC members. The slate will appear in the July BARK and will be voted on by all attendees at the August luncheon.

#12. SIR Apparel Order Information & Process: Orders for SIR apparel (polo shirts, caps, jackets) are now being taken for our branch. Over the course of three meetings, these items will be group ordered to reduce shipping costs.

#13. Open: Per Neil, a survey of our branch members will be taken so that members can report what they like or dislike about the branch. Per Big SIR Gary, we added about 20 new members since our days at having our luncheons at Epicenter. George mentioned that SIR member Don Salazar is currently in the hospital with pneumonia.

Motion to not have a June meeting due to having our picnic in June: (Barry / Dave), passed unanimously).

Per Bob Reuther and Barry Bialkoski, another successful SIR 17 community involvement event was had at the Redwood Empire Food Bank earlier this month. Another outing at the Food Bank is planned for June 1st.

#14. 10:35 Motion to Adjourn: (Barry / John, approved unanimously).

Draft minutes submitted by Secretary Terry Freeman.