

Pleasant Hill Branch146
Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting
March 8, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Big Sir Jim Burk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed 8 committee chairmen/coordinators, and 5 other members. (See Attendance Roster attached).

BEC ROLE CALL/QUORUM

Secretary Dick DeVoe announced that the quorum was met. 10 BEC members were present, with 2 absent (Jim Saavedra and Walt Busenius).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February's minutes were approved as written.

BIG SIR'S REPORT (Jim Burk)

- < Br. 146 Audit Report Response: moved, seconded, and approved (m/s/p).
- < Trial of Activity Fair: Travel, Book Corner, and Computer Group tables were set up in the entrance hallway for perusal by members. Improvements for setup area will be implemented at the Activity Fair next month.
- < Menus Report: Trial to "opt out" of today's main entree was completed.
- < Record of Past BEC Members: Dick DeVoe/Chuck Campbell will complete it.
- < Listing of BEC Members and Committee Chairmen in the SIR Call: this is tentatively planned to be published on at least an annual basis.
- < Ass't Treasurer Leave of Absence: it was m/s/p for Jim Saavedra to be absent the next 2-3 months. Chuck Clark will perform Jim's non-voting duties during his absence. (see attached letter for details)
- < Member Exit Interviews: Member Relations Chairman Ben Gleason will be conducting exit interviews with members who leave the branch.

LITTLE SIR'S REPORT (Terry Marchione)

- < Today's Speaker: Ann White will present the Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) program. Ann is a 10-year ambassador for the organization.
- < April Speaker: Tom Davids is from Filoli, an historic country estate of the National Trust for Historic Preservation 30 mi. south of SF.

< May Ladies Day Speaker: Michael Hingston will present the harrowing experience on the 78th Floor of Tower 1 on 9/11/01, and how his guide dog led him and others to safety.

< Birthdays: a trial continues on improving the process for recognizing birthdays.

< Study to Review Luncheon Meeting Locations: this new study will be completed by early summer prior to negotiations at present facility.

< Members Missing Lunch (unexcused): The increased emphasis on resolving these absences continues. 17 in Jan. are all resolved, as are 13 of 14 in Feb. \$240 (10 absences x \$24) from 2011 are still being pursued. Options were discussed regarding dealing with members who refuse resolution.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Dick DeVoe)

< State Rules Committee Draft Proposal (to change authority for appointment of Nominating Committee members from the Big Sir-elect to the BEC): Meeting participants provided requested feedback.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Dick Woodman)

< February cash balance: \$16,596 start; \$16,669 month-end.

< Year 2012 donations have been made by 85% of members at this time. One more effort will be made, recognizing it is a voluntary request.

< Website Account: This account is over budget for its 1st two months due to (1) our website contractor payments being greater than anticipated in Jan./Feb, (2) an un-budgeted payment for additional years to register our website domain name and (3) an unusually high monthly expense that occurred in December but was paid in January. It was m/s/p to approve the \$349.97 registration expenditure, and charge it to the Website account. "

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee (Pete Gates)- Progress Report #1 stated that the process is moving forward for selection of a slate of 2013 officer nominees. Next report will be at the April meeting prior to a final report at the May meeting.

Membership (Steve Sprague)- Three new members were approved for induction: Jack Baldassari, Jonathan Korfhage, and Don Oddson. Actives for Feb: 269. Inactives: 10. Virgil Lawrence/Jim Olson resigned; Jim Locker went inactive. February luncheon attendance: 208 (74%).

Publicity (Bill Hoban)- Big Sir Jim recognized Bill, Dave Obera, and Don Nunn for the SongSirs article in the recent State SIR Happenings newsletter. The last logo hat order has been sold out.

Attendance/Luncheon (Bob Mehus) Today's Luncheon Seat Guarantee: 204. Four guests are expected.

Activities (Steve Dawkins) < The Activities Survey has been submitted to the State Growth & Membership Committee.

< San Jose Earthquakes Soccer Games: State Growth & Membership forwarded promotional information to the branches. The logistical work load for our branch is too great to consider participating.

< Couples Dining Out: Chairman is vacant and at this time no one in that group has agreed to take the position.

Travel (Bob Spellman, Ken Richter) This travel event was approved:

< SIR 146 Theatre Party: "Victoria's Reel Blondes" May 25, Danville.

Golf (Dick Richmond) < Monterey Mashers: This golf event Mar. 25-28 in the Monterey area was m/s/p.

< Governor's Cup Golf tourney is planned for April 26 at Shadow Lakes GC.

OLD BUSINESS

< Officers & Directors Liability Insurance: Pursuant to the provisions of CA Corporations Code 5239, effective Jan. 1, 2002, Branch 146 has received a determination made by the SIR State Insurance Committee which reveals that the cost of obtaining Officer and Directors Liability insurance exceeds 5% of the prior year budget. This constitutes a good faith effort to obtain such insurance and we therefore defer to the Sections 5239 which states "there shall be no personal liability to a third party for monetary damages on the part of the volunteer director's or officer's negligent act or omission in the performance of that person's duties as a director or officer." Therefore it is moved, seconded, and passed that Branch 146 cannot afford to purchase this type of liability insurance and the Branch elects to be covered by the provision of Section 5239.

NEW BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING(S)

< Five Wishes Program (Burk)

< Nominating Committee Progress Report #2 (April), #3 (May) (Gates)

< Activity Fair Trial (Burk)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56am. Next BEC meeting: Thursday, April 12 at 9:00am.

(Submitted by Branch Secretary Dick DeVoe)

Attachments:

(1) Attendance Roster-3/8/12 BEC Meeting

(2) Treasurer's Report and Form 28 "Monthly Cash Report" for Feb. (Woodman)

- (3) Membership Report and Form 27 for February (Sprague)
- (4) SIR Luncheon Count Report for March 8 (Mehus)
- (5) Letter Dated 2/16/12: SIR Assistant Treasurer Issues and Recommendations
- (6) SIR Form 53 Travel Approval: SIR 146 Theatre Party: "Victoria's Reel Blondes" May 25, Danville.