

Minutes of SIR Branch # 159
Branch Executive Committee (BEC) **October 12, 2017** at 10 am

Present were: Big Sir Gary Smith, Little Sir Mike Rumley, Secretary Vic Froehmer, Assistant Secretary Carl Merz, Treasurer Shane Petersen, Assistant Treasurer Roger Mc Coy, Directors: Mike Moyle (2017) (excused), Mike Williamson (2017), Dell Kerns (2018), Rich Lewis (2018), Duke Marshall (2019), Stuart Poytress (2019), and Roger Deal (Hon Dir) total of 12 of 13 for a quorum (at least 7 required). Others present included Rich Colby, Howard Zinn, Gilbert Matossian, Perry Huffman, John Crawford, Ron Travis, Terry Byrne, Gary Morgan, Ray Allen, Allan Baxter, Gary Becker, Ron Wilson, Sal Morales, Lee Moy, and others.

Big Sir: At 9:59 am **Gary Smith** called the meeting to order. **Vic Froehmer** confirmed a quorum was present.

Little Sir: Mike Rumley announced today's speaker is speaker Mr. Herman Barretto, Clinical Social Worker, Department of Veterans Affairs.

-Motion 2017-24 Ron Wilson is authorized to spend up to \$500 for a new LED Projector with Allen Baxter keeping possession. Motion was passed: unanimous

-Motion 2017-25 Budget Reserve of at least \$4,000 shall be maintained by Branch 159. Motion was passed: unanimous

- Motion 2017-26 Yearly Assessment addresses notification of assessment due and it must be paid by everyone. Motion was passed: unanimous

Secretary: Vic Froehmer and **Carl Merz's** minutes for September 14, 2017 were approved as presented. Motion made, Seconded, discussed and Passed (MSP)

Treasurer: Shane Petersen presented report and detail of income and expenses with a September 14, 2017 balance \$6,831.61 which includes \$500 in cash. MSP Travel entry is for race day.

Membership: **John Crawford** reported that we have 200 active members plus 40 inactive. He requested BEC approval of 3 new members #149, #161, #221, 3 members for termination #12?, #115, #211, 7 members from active to inactive status #32, #37, #108, 119, #184, #203, #303, 0 members to return to active status, 0 members for Emeritus status. MSP **Vic Froehmer** reminded **John** that he needs a list by age to confirm Senior and Super Senior have been recognized. **John** said he was not going to provide the list. **Vic** stated that as secretary, that is one of his duties. **John** responded I do not care; I am not going to give you that list. I sent **Gary Smith** one in January.

Attendance: **Duke Marshall** reported we have 200 active members, 121 members attended luncheon with 49 excused which is 61% of active members.

Telephones: **Ron Travis** reported today's luncheon estimate is 113.

Sunshine: No report on many members and their families that are having health issues, those that have recovered, and those no longer with us.

Chanticleer: Sir **Mike Williamson** has not found a backup for him. We need someone that is trained to get the newsletter out if **Mike** is unable to and carry on when **Mike** retires.

Computer Group: **Roger Deal** announced they will meet October 17 (3rd Tuesday) at 1:00 PM,

Golf: **Gilbert Matossian** your NCGA 2018 dues of \$45 paid to **Rich Lewis**.

Date Night: **Allen & Carolyn Baxter** and **George Gianopulos** Macaroni Grill Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 PM.

Men's Luncheon **Lee Moy** just wanted to let everyone know this group is active having lots of fun.

New Business: Covered above

Old Business: Covered above

Adjourned at 11:01 am ---- Secretary **Vic Froehmer** and **Carl M**

MOTION # 2017-23

Presented before the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on October 12, 2017, by GARY SMITH.

TITLE: ROOSTER OF THE WALK- Carl Merz

IT IS MOVED THAT:

The honor of **ROOSTER OF THE WALK** be awarded to SIR Carl Merz for the reasons stated below:

SIR Carl has been a member of Branch 159 for many years, during that time he has served as Assistant Secretary for many years among other positions.

In February of 2017, SIR Carl proposed that Branch 159 sponsor a Race at the Big Fresno Fair. After proposing the idea, SIR Carl, contacted the officials of the fair, determined that the sponsorship was feasible, and spearheaded often complicated arrangements to that the race sponsorship could become a reality.

SIR Carl worked very diligently throughout the spring and summer, with race and fair personnel and other members of Branch 159 negotiating the use of public service announcements, and other details to make the event a success.

It is as a result of his imagination and attitude of innovation that this new and creative recruiting event was successful and gives a template of how other events can be achieved.

For these reasons, it is fitting and proper that SIR Carl Merz be awarded the honor of SIR of the Walk.

Seconded by: Mike Rumley

A quorum of the BEC was present.

The motion is passed

MEMBERS VOTING YES: UNANIMOUS via email

MEMBERS VOTING NO:

Dated: October 12, 2017

Signed: Vic Froehmer

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MOTION # 2017-24

Presented before the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on October 12,
2017, by GARY SMITH.

TITLE: Budget Set Aside for Projector(s)

IT IS MOVED THAT:

- 1) An amount not to exceed \$500 is set aside for the purchase of a LED projector for the use of Branch 159.
- 2) Ron Wilson is authorized to purchase the projectors and shall be reimbursed up to the purchase amount (not to exceed the amount stated above) if the purchase is made with his personal funds.
- 3) Allen Baxter or his designee shall keep possession of the projector(s) for use by the branch and if possession is changed, Allen shall notify the Branch Secretary of the change.

Seconded by: Rich Lewis

A quorum of the BEC was present.

The motion is passed

MEMBERS VOTING YES: UNANIMOUS

MEMBERS VOTING NO:

Dated: October 12, 2017

Signed: Vic Froehmer

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MOTION # 2017-25

Presented before the Branch Executive Committee (BEC) on October 12, 2017, by GARY SMITH.

TITLE: Budget Reserve

IT IS MOVED THAT:

The total amount of \$4,000.00 shall be set aside as a reserve in the accounts of Branch 159.

The Branch shall not use funds which would cause the total sum of all accounts to fall below this amount without the express approval of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC).

The Branch Treasurer shall notify the BEC in the event that the accounts, in his opinion are liable to approach the reserve level.

Seconded by: Rich Lewis

A quorum of the BEC was present.

The motion is passed

MEMBERS VOTING YES: UNANIMOUS

MEMBERS VOTING NO:

Dated: October 12, 2017

Signed: Vic Froehmer

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