

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
May 12, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Little Sir Russ Anderson, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), and Mark Isonio (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 12).

Next, a review of the April 14, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we have ordered 93 lunches for today's meeting.

Russ Anderson, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Branch 159 member Bruce Corwin who will present information about his trip to the Soviet Union.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during April 2022 included some significant expenditures. Two disbursements involved advertising costs of \$353 and computer supplies of \$200. In addition, we paid our quarterly assessment of \$355. Also, our luncheon costs exceeded income by \$258. We ordered 100 luncheons and only 82 paying members attended. Consequently, our cash balance at the end of April 2022 was 12,123.66. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The report received unanimous approval.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the April 2022 Membership Report and noted that today would be our 325th SIR 159 meeting. He reported that 2 new members were inducted, and 2 roster members were terminated during April. In addition, John also indicated that one new member would be approved by the BEC today. Next Form 27, The Monthly Branch Membership Report, was examined. Both membership reports indicated we had 185 members at the end of April 2022. Brett Bayley moved and Jerry Brady seconded the motion that both membership reports be accepted. There was unanimous approval.

Next on the agenda was the need to determine microphone time during the meeting. Duke Marshall, Steve Chase, Lee Moy, Fred Martinez, and Hector Leyva would like to address the group.

An item regarding old business involved the forming of a committee to assist our Little SIR in identifying speakers for our monthly luncheons. This same topic was also discussed at a recent meeting of Branch 159 Honorary Life Members and past Big Sirs. At that meeting, the attendees agreed to actively help find quality speakers and provide their names to the Little Sir. In addition, Little SIR Russ Anderson is charged with establishing a group of volunteers that will identify quality speakers. Branch 159 members will also be asked during our luncheons to provide the names of possible speakers.

A second old business item was an update about the special luncheon menu planned for our meeting in October. Bruce Corwin reported he had met with Pardini's, and they were reluctant to provide a prime rib lunch. The BEC members requested he ask Pardini's if a steak lunch was possible. Bruce will report next meeting. Also, it was also suggested that we should charge the regular lunch fees instead of a "free" lunch. Branch 159 would absorb the difference in cost between a regular lunch and the planned special menu.

The final old business item concerned the placing of an ad seeking new members for Branch 159 in the Clovis Roundup. As of today, no potential members have responded to the ad.

Concerning new business items, it has been suggested that a Sergeant of Arms be appointed to help maintain a tranquil atmosphere during our BEC meetings and a serene environment for our luncheon speakers. The BEC felt a sergeant at arms would be beneficial. Fred Martinez accepted these new duties.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley

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