

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
November 10, 2022

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Stuart Poytress, Little Sir Rich Glover, Treasurer Brian Nicholson, Assistant Treasurer Steve Chase, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were John Crawford (2022), Tom Simpson (2022), Javier Rodriguez (2023), Pete Openshaw (2023), and Jerry Brady (2024). Stuart Poytress proclaimed we had a quorum (11 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be approved, and Rich Glover seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we have ordered 102 lunches for today's meeting. In addition, Pete Openshaw reported he is still in need of a member willing to fill a caller position.

Rich Glover, our Little SIR, announced that today's program will be presented by Sara Mirhadi, who is the Chief Programs Officer at Poverello House in Fresno. She will present information about the programs that are offered to recipients of their work.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Brian Nicholson reported the financial activities during October 2022 involved several significant transactions. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$850 from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023 and disbursed \$330 to State SIRs for our State Board Assessment. The report also stated we paid \$4,247 for the special October luncheon and receipts amounted to \$1,900. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of October was \$9,984.46. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved and Javier Rodriguez seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford first reviewed the October Membership Report. The report shows today will be the 331th meeting of our branch. Also, we had to terminate one member during October to bring our total membership to 190 members. John reminded us that a new member would be sworn in at today's meeting. Consequently, despite adding 14 new members this year, we have 19 fewer members than we had at the beginning of January 2022. Next, John reviewed Form 27 that supported the Membership Report. He highlighted our September luncheon attendance of 108 members. Brian Nicholson moved and Rich Glover seconded the motion that both membership reports be approved. There was unanimous approval.

Under the heading of Old Business, several items were mentioned. First, the menus for our November and December luncheons were confirmed. Next, we were reminded that our Branch 159 member assessments were due prior to the beginning of 2023, and the SIRs Town Hall meeting in January was also brought to the attention of the group.

At this point, the BEC wanted to acknowledge the veterans in Branch 159 during today's luncheon. Stuart Poytress said he would ask all veterans to stand at one point during the luncheon.

The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Duke Marshall and Brian Nicholson wanted to address the group.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley