

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee  
March 9, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at the Piccadilly Hotel. BEC officers present were Big Sir Richard Glover, Little Sir Steve Chase, Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), John Briceno (2023), Jerry Brady (2024), Mark Isonio (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), and Robert Ying (2025). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum (11 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the February, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved, and Jerry Brady seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we expect 81 attendees at our luncheon today.

It was then announced that Kent Karsevar from the Ronald McDonald House Charities would be our program today. He will be presenting information about the Ronald McDonald House at Valley Children's Hospital and the services provided by his organization.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during February 2023 involved several items. In regard to General Accounts, we received \$400 during February from Branch 159 member assessments for 2023. The general disbursements totaled \$70 for supplies and officer expenses. The receipts for our February luncheon was \$2,330 and the total expense for our February and March luncheons was \$3,157. The cost for the March luncheon was paid during February because the Piccadilly Hotel requires payment 10 days in advance. Consequently, the cash balance at the end of February was \$8,735.97. Steve Chase moved that the report be approved and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the February Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 335th meeting of our branch. The report also indicated 11 members will be terminated and two new members will be inducted upon BEC approval of this Membership Report. Bruce Evans noted that the Form 27 would be presented at the next BEC meeting after he had concluded all of the modifications to our Branch 159 roster. Steve Chase moved and John Briceno seconded the motion that the Membership Report be approved. There was unanimous approval. It was then stressed that we are experiencing a declining membership. To help find new members, we were all encouraged to bring guests to our luncheons.

The first old business item involved the member cost for our luncheons when we return to Pardini's in June. Pardini's will charge us \$21 per person for lunch. The BEC discussed different payment options, and then, unanimously voted to charge our membership \$20 for lunch until the end of 2023. The remaining \$1 will be absorbed by Branch 159. To offset the deficit to our organization, it was approved that we will reinstitute the 50/50 cash drawing.

The 2023 Branch 159 Directory Update has been completed and published by email message. Members are encouraged to review their information currently listed in the directory and contact Bruce Evans before the end of March if they want to make any changes to their listing. The Directory will be published again when the roster includes all revisions and membership changes. Then, the directory will be published quarterly.

We are still in need of a Dine Out chairman. Bruce Corwin has volunteered to do this task until the end of this year. However, it would be great if a new chairman would agree to relieve Bruce of these duties. We do have monthly chairmen meeting the needs of the dinner each month, but a chairman for the overall program is still required.

The next item on the agenda involved SIR Inc. COVID Directives. Big Sir Richard Glover asked that this topic be discussed at our next meeting.

The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Bruce Corwin, Bruce Evans, Brian Nicholson, and Ron Wilson wanted to address the group.

Before adjournment, Brett Bayley asked if the BEC members would consider giving a speaker's fee of \$200 to Allyson Brooks the speaker at our February luncheon. The idea of a speaker's fee was approved during our October 2022 BEC meeting with the hope that the payment might encourage improved programs. After a short discussion, Steve Chase moved and John Briceno seconded the motion to present Ms. Brooks with a \$200 check. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley