

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
October 10, 2024

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Little Sir Mike Parker, Treasurer Garry Elliott, Assistant Treasurer Keith Lovgren, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Jerry Brady (2024), Russ Conrad (2025), Robert Ying (2025), and Butch Evans (2026). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (9 of 12), and Little Sir Mike Parker opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the September 2024 meeting minutes was conducted. Brett Bayley moved that the minutes be accepted, and Garry Elliott seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we found 94 members who stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin ordered 90 lunches from Pardini's.

Little Sir Mike Parker then announced that Mark Standriff, the Director of Beautify Fresno, would be updating us about the community-based cleanup and beautification activities of his organization.

Next, the September Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Garry Elliott reported the primary General Account income of \$137 was from our 50/50 drawing. In regard to our custodial accounts, our luncheon income exceeded our luncheon expense by \$77. Therefore, our cash balance at the end of September 2024 was \$10,034.52. Jerry Brady moved that the report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

The following agenda item concerned the membership reports. The Membership Report indicated that today would be the 354th meeting of SIRs Branch 159. As of the end of September, we had 175 members. To date during 2024, we have inducted 19 new members but lost 22. At today's luncheon, however, we have an additional six members that are eligible to be inducted. Garry Elliott moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Form 27 report was then reviewed. At our September luncheon, 49% of our membership was in attendance. This percentage is our average monthly attendance. Jerry Brady moved that the Form 27 report be approved, and Robert Ying seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

Our first old business item involved a report about the annual State SIR meeting. We learned that the 2025 State SIR officers had been elected. Also, there are two important meetings that will be occurring. First, on October 18th, a zoom meeting will be held regarding assisting branches to increase membership. A second meeting will be held on November 8th for the purpose of preparing branch officers to assume their duties next year.

Our next agenda item involved how we are to store our historical records. A team of Reg Salsman, Rich Colby, John Crawford, and Russ Conrad will gather the storage containers and make them available for examination with the goal of consolidating the information.

The third old business item involved the 2025 golf cruise to be held in April. The trip has been advertised in the Chanticleer and reservations are now being taken. To date, 5 members are planning to do the trip.

The first new business item involved our annual contract with Pardini's. Bruce Corwin reported that Pardini's will be charging us \$24.77 per person for lunch next year. After a brief discussion, Russ Conrad moved that we continue to charge members \$25 for their luncheon cost. Keith Lovgren seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

Our 2025 budget and branch member assessment were our next new business topics. Based upon our expected State SIR branch assessment, it was recommended that we continue to assess each branch 159 member an assessment of \$25 for next year. Brett Bayley moved that we maintain our present \$25 cost and begin the collection process. Butch Evans seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval of the motion.

Then, Bruce Corwin reminded the BEC members that we need to have our new officers sign signature cards for our bank accounts.

The next item of business involved advertising in the local newspapers to attract new members. After it was suggested that some modifications to the presented ad be made, the BEC decided to place the ad in the Fresno Bee. Russ Conrad moved that the ad be placed in the Sunday edition of the Fresno Bee for two consecutive Sundays, and then, we will evaluate the effectiveness of the ad. Robert Scott seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Russ Conrad then suggested that another executive committee meeting be held to use our membership survey to improve our branch and promote new membership. He also requested approval to discuss, at today's lunch, a special luncheon at our December meeting that would involve spouses and significant others. The approval was given.

Microphone time at today's luncheon will include Duke Marshall, Brian Nicholson, and Russ Conrad.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:09 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley