

# SIR BRANCH #145 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 9, 2017

Big Sir Bob Gorbet opened the meeting @ 1:33 PM

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*Roll call:* Six Officers and four Directors/Committee Chairs were present. A quorum was obtained.

*Guests:* None

*Big Sir Report:* See below for specific comments.

*Little Sir Report:* See specific categories below. LS wishes to be called on his cell phone 209-329-5591

*Secretary:* The BEC minutes for April 11, 2017 were presented and approved. The March 14<sup>th</sup> report was corrected to show that the loss was for the Annual Picnic deposit and the ending balance of \$3615.

*Treasurer:* The Treasurer's report a loss of \$207-- for April, mostly due to the State quarterly assessment. Ending balance in the account is \$3408--.

*Correspondence/email:* 1. 4/15/17 Dwight Sale on SIR Computer Security. 2. Dwight Sale 4/27/2017 on SIR Reorganization. Branch 145 is now in Region 2. Regional Director is Jerry Marrow and Area 22 became Area 18 with Governor Rick Kindle continuing.

## Report of Committees:

*Audit:* None

*Christmas Luncheon:* None

*Golf:* The Chair reported the initial use of the new portable printer. Some kinks are being worked out.

*Membership/ Attendance:* The committee chair submitted the Form 27, report for April, 2017. He also has a list of 14 members that have missed >3 meetings unexcused. Letters will go to most. Three members have resigned.

*Picnic:* The picnic will be held at Micke Grove Park on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Same details prevail. Tickets for the June 13<sup>th</sup> picnic are on sale today, and by phone reservation until June 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets for walk-ins' will be \$20.

*Publicity:* BS plans to have special edition of Newsletter by the end of May for the Picnic.

*Roster:* Distribution continues.

*Travel:* Appointment pending

*Website:* None. (The Web Chair was absent).. He will be asked to review the above Computer Security email.

Old Business: 1. Officer and committee recruitment. We have vacancies for: Assistant Sec Anecdotist, Email Compiler, Photographer, and Travel and tour chairman. 2. Jack Johnson is looking at a day trip to tour Mare Island. With limited interest we may carpool 3. Other possible activities will be worked out by Director Al Furr. A restaurant visit was made to listen to jazz and eat. A cribbage and bridge group may be emerging.

New Business: 1. one application for membership was received and approved for Ken M. Kristin. 2. The possible adding another HLM is starting. Review of records and requirements to be discussed in July.

## Special Event:

### **Veterans Appreciation for service worldwide during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, 50 Year Anniversary.**

Area 18 Governor: Rick Kindel planned and brought this event to our Branch. He was assisted by Major USAF, Richard Paulson, Retired, from SIR Branch 143 Turlock

Our Little Sir coordinated the activities for our meeting. A questionnaire was completed by 40 of our Sirs, (out of 60+) reviewed and put into a Power Point format (no little task). The LS selected the lunch menu: SOS, Biscuits, Chicken, Carrots and Peas, Salad etc. etc., plus cake for desert.

The speaker was Coast Guard Rear Admiral Retired Michael R. Seward, who now works for veterans programs.

Each veteran who served during the Vietnam War was presented with a commemorative lapel pin. Individually each stood and was acknowledged with their service record, medals and awards, highest rank and specialty. Applause from all assembled followed each vet's appearance.

Veterans from all other engagements: WWII, Korean War, and Middle East Conflicts were similarly presented their history and record.

**Note from the Secretary:** *I was very impressed by the large numbers of vets,(142 have served in the military) the breadth of experiences, their patriotic zeal, long service, humility, and a genuine love for their brethren from which all of our Sirs benefit.*

Meetings adjourned at 2:09 PM

**Next Meeting July11th.**

Richard Baines, Secretary, July 1, 2017