



SONS IN RETIREMENT

TRI-CITY BRANCH 106

Branch Executive Committee Meeting

June 19, 2024

Paradise Valley Banquet Room

(9:00-10:30 AM)

Call to Order – Mike Gardner

1. **Roll Call:** BEC – Mike Gardner, Steve Handel, Mike Mastrocovo, Rich Barker, Tom Smith, Mark Goltz, Ed Hoeft, Terry Hartman, Jon Quinley, Tom Meissner, Ed Vacin, Jud Moore

Advisors – Dave Baker

2. **Big Sir Report** — Mike Gardner

- There will be a Zoom meeting tomorrow (June 20) called by the state Board of Directors “to discuss the future of our organization.” The group speculated about the subject of the meeting. It most likely will be to address the significant decline in SIR’s membership (from 30,000 to 9,000 members in recent years). Stay tuned.
- The new Mail Chimp system seems to be working well. There was one glitch regarding the reminder messages but that was quickly corrected. The system should be fully operational for the July meeting.

3. **Secretary** — Mark Goltz. The BEC minutes for May 2024 were unanimously approved (J.M./M.M.).

4. **Little Sir Report** — Tom Meissner.

- Tom asked for speaker suggestions. One suggestion was to have a speaker who could discuss computer security. It was also mentioned that the SIR website has a speakers exchange listing of available (and free) speakers.
- The July lunch will be a BBQ (hamburgers and hot dogs grilled outdoors). In honor of the July 4th holiday, attendees will be asked to wear patriotic attire.
- At the October and November meetings, a barrel will be available for food bank donations. A can will also be provided for cash donations.

5. **Treasurer Report** – Steve Handel

- Steve briefed the monthly numbers. The board unanimously approved the report (R.B./J.M.).
- The new Mail Chimp account costs \$15/month. To avoid having to make monthly payments, Rich Barker suggested that he use his personal credit card to pay the annual bill and then will be reimbursed by the branch. This was approved by the board (J.M./E.H.).

6. **Membership** – Ed Hoeft.

- Two new members joined the branch (one recruited through cribbage, the other through golf) so our current membership is 143.
- Since cribbage has been shown to be a good venue for recruiting new members, Ed Hoeft will continue to ensure that member applications are available there.

7. **Sunshine Report** – Mike Gardner and Mike Mastrocovo briefed the health status of selected chapter members. Due to privacy concerns, none of that update will appear in these spaces. At this month's meeting, Mike Gardener will have a moment of silence in place of an opening prayer so that our luncheon attendees may think about our ailing SIR family members.

8. **Golf Report**

- Mike Mastrocovo briefed the monthly numbers. He is still working with NCGA to reconcile the credit we're due and remove a late fee that the NCGA incorrectly charged us.
- It's possible that someone needs to complete NCGA training and take a test. This will be looked into.

9. **Activities Report**

- **Backgammon:** So far there have only been four players. At today's luncheon meeting, Ed Vacin will make an announcement and compile a list of interested players. The list can be used to determine a convenient time for the game.
- **Cribbage:** Cribbage continues to be very popular and a good way to recruit new members.
- **Book Exchange:** No book exchange this month but the exchange will start up again at next month's meeting.
- **Food Bank:** We're not needed at the food bank in June, but will be there in July.
- **Picnic:** Preparations are proceeding well.
- **Hard Rock Trip:** Mike Mastrocovo will announce the bus trip to the Hard Rock Casino in Wheatland at the luncheon meeting. The trip will be June 28.
- **Dominos:** At today's luncheon, Jon Quinley will suggest arranging a monthly dominos game to be held after the luncheon meetings.
- **Golf cart shuttle service:** Continuing. Tom Smith will man the shuttle today.