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**LAS TRAMPAS BRANCH 116**

**Boundary Oak**

 **WALNUT CREEK, CA**

**BRANCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**January 16, 2017**

**Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.**

**Secretary Fred Schafer confirmed a quorum was present. Executive Committee members in attendance were:**

**Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti**

**Little SIR Marty Katz**

**Secretary Fred Schafer**

**Assistant Secretary Dave Williams**

**Treasurer Jim Nickels**

**Assistant Treasurer Bob Shader, Al Satake**

**Membership Phil Goff**

**Directors**

**Peter Coggiola**

**John Story**

 **Al Hutchko**

**Harry Sherinian**

**Norm Alberts**

**Jim Barstow**

**Also attending were Committee Chairmen: Neil Schmidt, Sam Beret, Allan Chasnoff, Dick Thomson, Bernie Wroblewski, Matt Arena, Joel White and Area 2 Director Bill Holly.**

**Agenda:**

**Big SIR Paul Ramacciotti reviewed the meeting agenda and asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. There were none.**

**Secretary’s Report: Secretary Fred Schafer Asked if there were any changes or corrections to the November BEC minutes as distributed. There were none. A motion to approve was made by Norm Alberts and seconded by Al Sataka. The motion was approved.**

**Treasurer’s Report:**

**Treasurer Jim Nickels reported the Form 28 Branch cash balance for**

**January is $8,671.33. Jim asked how much it was felt the cash balance for Branch 116 should be. After some discussion, it was decided that our cash balance should always meet the minimum established in the SIR guidelines.**

**Attendance:**

**Sam Beret reported:**

**Current membership: 228 (This figure is based the our**

 **Luncheon name tag count.)**

 **Luncheon guests/visitors: 2 – Charles Lipper, guest of Bernie Wroblewski and Robert Campbell, guest of Rudolph Gebert.**

**Speakers: 0**

**Excused members: 23**

**Estimated Unexcused members: 51**

 **Estimated Luncheon attendees: 180**

**12 Unexcused Letters sent out for the November Lunch. 8 Paid.**

**Membership:**

**Phil Goff reported:**

1. **Our current Branch membership is 227.**
2. **1 candidate is scheduled to be inducted at today’s Lunch.**
3. **There are 21 inactive members.**
4. **6 members have resigned or passed away since our November, 2016 meeting.**

 **Harry Sherinian made a motion to accept Jim Dugan, sponsored by Ron Armijo, as a new Branch Member. Dave Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

**Big Sir Report:**

1. **The Story teller will be Wayne Smith.**
2. **The Chaplin will be Dave Williams.**
3. **Neil Schmidt spoke about the printing costs associated with the newsletter. This past year we printed 7 newsletters monthly for members who wished the printed form rather than email. They were charged $20 for this service. To do this, Neil sends an electronic version of the newsletter to our printers in Pleasant Hill. Jim Johnson picks up the printed versions, folds and puts stamps on them and puts them in the mail. (a lot of work) So far this year, we have a request for only 1 printed version. Neil agreed that he will perform the printing, folding and stamping and bill the branch for this service. At the same time, he will print extra copies for distribution to visitor/guests.**
4. **Jerry Christopherson, Chairman of our annual Christmas Party expressed concern, through Big SIR Paul, about a decrease in attendance this past Christmas. He wondered if someone else should take on the Chairman role. We all agreed that he is doing a GREAT job!! Our job is to publicize the function better. We will start today by showing pictures from this year’s party on the wall as members are entering the luncheon room.**
5. **Dick Thomson will be getting the Branch 116 Roster printed as soon as we establish the location for our meetings and verify our committee chairmen for 2017. Dick said they will be ready for distribution at next month’s meeting.**
6. **Past Big SIR Jim Barstow will be attending a SIR District Nominating Committee Chairmen meeting at Ed Benson’s house 1/19/17 at 10:00 am.**
7. **Big SIR Paul led some discussion regarding presenting the pros and cons re: the possible changing of our monthly meeting location to Boundary Oak from The Elks. Several items were discussed. It was decided that the voting cards would be passed out and the vote made upon the completion of comments/questions from the members in attendance at the meeting today.**

**Little SIR Report:**

**Little SIR Marty Katz reported that there will not be a speaker at today’s Luncheon. This is due to the discussion and vote regarding the possible changing of our meeting location.**

**Next month’s speaker will speak about Heart Donations.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25.**

**Fred Schafer, Secretary**

**Executive Committee**

**Area 2 Governor**

**Region 6 Director**

**All Support and Activity Chairmen**