



**Pleasant Hill Branch 146  
Minutes of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting  
September 8, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Big Sir Pete Gates**, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed the 21 visitors including Committee Chairmen. Area Governor Ron Smith was in attendance. (**See Attendance Roster attached**).

**BEC ROLE CALL/QUORUM**

**Secretary Terry Marchione** announced that a quorum was achieved with 9 of the 12 BEC members present. Directors Hoban, Hertweck and Roberts were absent. (**see Attendance Roster attached**).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Terry Marchione** indicated that the minutes from the August meeting had been distributed electronically to all members of the 2011 BEC. He asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Being none, the minutes were approved as written. A copy of the minutes is available on the Sir website.

**BIG SIR'S REPORT**

**Big Sir Pete Gates reported on the following subjects:**

**Senior Sir Award**

Pete announced that **Sir Dom D'Matteo** will receive this award

**Walnut Festival Update**

Pete deferred to Area Governor Ron Smith for a report on SIR participation in Walnut Creek's Walnut Festival. Nearly all the volunteer slots have been filled with only one or two time slots unmanned.

**Golf Update**

Branch golfers made a good showing at the State Qualifier.

**LITTLE SIR'S REPORT**

The September speaker will be **Jack Citrin** who is a professor of Political Science at Cal Berkeley. Jack will speak on the current political environment.

The October speaker will be Cynthia Miller, RN, and Neurosciences Clinical Coordinator at the John Muir Medical Center. She will speak on strokes; how to guard against them, how to know when one is occurring and what to do about it should one occur.

Sir Jim introduced the idea of the BEC meeting in May and December. Currently, due to Ladies Days in those months, the BEC does not meet. This, among other things, delays BEC approval of new members. Jim B. made the following motion:

**MOTION: At the discretion of the Big Sir, the BEC will meet (tentatively) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of May and December.**

Discussion of the motion ensued. Some questions were raised as to the timing of the new member inductions. However, the new members are actually approved and inducted, at the BEC meeting and the introduction at the luncheon is simply that—an introduction.

The motion was called and was passed unanimously.

Jim called to our attention the sandwich board that is placed outside the entrance to the clubhouse. It is placed there about one week before the luncheon and announces the date and the scheduled speaker.

Jim has also planned a remembrance of 9/11 and will have John Harrington (representing the firefighters); Steve Conte (representing the police) and Lynn Freeman (representing the military) lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance at today's luncheon.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary had no additional items to report.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Treasurer Dick Woodman** reported that we started the month of July with \$11,194.05 and ended the month with \$10,861.02.

The Treasurer reported that there are still 9 members who have not made an annual contribution. He also reported that cash receipts for the August lunch were \$193 which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest we have had.

Finally the Treasurer presented a preview of the Budget Study Team recommendations. Since this is not a final document I am not including the document here. The final recommendations will be presented at the November meeting. A copy of the actual draft document is appended to these minutes.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Membership (Steve Sprague)**

Steve sought BEC approval for new members **Ted Gunn** sponsored by **Rich Ahlf**, **Dan Holland** sponsored by **Jack Calloway** and **Albert Kade** sponsored by **Russ Anderson**. This motion was approved

One member was lost due to the resignation of **John Roberts**, who has relocated out of state.

After the above changes, our total active membership count will be increased by two to 270 members. Our inactive roster has decreased by one as **Chuck Kistenmacher** has resigned.

#### **Recruitment and Retention – Chair Jack Calloway**

Sir Jack reported on the year-to-date progress versus our goals. Overall we are in excellent shape in this regard. Including September, we have 31 new members in 2011 vs. a goal of 26 for the entire year. This makes the current membership of 270.

Jack presented a draft copy of a member survey to be administered at the October luncheon. A question will be added to solicit member's opinion of random seating.

#### **Attendance/Luncheon – Chair Bob Mehus**

With regards to the August lunch, we guaranteed 202 attendees. The series of emails that were sent out regarding the deadline for opting out of the lunch has been effective in reducing the number of members calling after the deadline asking to be excused.

Bob also appealed for an assistant.

#### **Activities – Chair Steve Dawkins**

No report

#### **Sunshine –Walt Busenius**

Walt reported on the members who will be on the sunshine report.

#### **Travel – Ken Richter**

Ken introduced the official Form 53 for the December outing that was approved at the latest BEC meeting.

#### **Webmaster**

**Terry Marchione** reported that visits to the Sir Call page of the website continue to be satisfactory

#### **NEW BUSINESS--None**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Big Sir Gates at 11:05a.m. The next meeting of the BEC is scheduled for October 13 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Lakeview Room at the Clubhouse at Boundary Oak.

Attachments:

(1) Attendance Roster 9/8//11 BEC Meeting

- (2) Treasurer's Report for August 2011; and Form 28 "Monthly Cash Report" for August, 2011 (Dick Woodman)
- (3) Membership Chair's report; and Form 27 for September, 2011 (Steve Sprague)
- (4) Attendance/Luncheon Chair's report for September, 2011 (Bob Mehus)
- (5) Copy of the charter for the Budget and Planning Study Team Draft Report
- (6) Copy of the proposed member survey