

SIR Branch 13 BEC meeting minutes, December 19th, Raleys Event Room

Meeting called to order by Sir Jay James (sitting in for the Big Sir), 9:59AM

Attendees: Big Sir Elect Jay James, Secretary Leonard Kaufer, Treasurer Jack Buffington, Membership Chair Phil Sanderson, LINK Editor Jay Southard, Assistant Treasurer Chuck Dietz, Database Administrator George Hubbard

Secretary's report: No report. The secretary was absent for the November meeting.

The Big Sir Report: There is no update on future costs from Catta Verdara. "Encore at Christmas" will be at the December luncheon entertainment.

The final count for the holiday luncheon is approximately 86 people, including 4 planned no-shows. Sir Jay James contacted Catta Verdara to have them change from the planned arrangement of 10 person tables to 8 person tables. We should not be encouraging even closer contact than normal during a period of increased seasonal illness.

Treasurer's Report: The balance balance was \$3390.54. This is not enough to cover the cost of the December luncheon. We will need to write a check to Catta Verdara the same day we are making deposits from the luncheon receipts. Sir Jack has arranged with Catta Verdara to accommodate this cash flow problem.

The treasurer's report included an analysis of the impact of the luncheon on the balance.

This temporary cash flow crunch should be avoided in the future. Also, the state dues owed by the branch increased again last year. As a result, Sir Jack made a motion that the member dues for 2023 be increased from \$20 to \$25. Discussion follows:

There is great concern over the position Catta Verdara has taken that luncheon costs will be increased from \$23 to somewhere around \$35-\$40. As yet there has been no follow-through, but that could happen at any time. The BEC recommended that Sir Jay J. notify Catta Verdara that due to lack of notification we were moving forward on the assumption that the cost for January would remain \$23.

There is additional concern that the members may be unhappy with an increase in dues coupled with a dramatic jump in luncheon costs. This also comes at a time when the state and the BEC are reinstating the attendance requirement.

The BEC is open to the concept of moving from lunch to a breakfast buffet. The cost for this is not clear, but will be closer to \$20 than \$40.

Sir Jay Southard and Sir George also noted that price increases make their task of chasing down payment for people who RSVP and then don't show that much more unpleasant.

Sir Leonard suggested that a change from lunch to breakfast should be voted on by the full membership. This would require an email poll - similar to the luncheon poll - followed by phone follow-up for non-respondents. The BEC agreed that such a poll was a good thing. Sir Leonard will draft a newsletter article laying out the situation for the membership and send it to Sir Jay Jams and Sir David C for approval. Sir Jay S. will alert the users with an appropriate banner headline in the January newsletter, and be prepared to pull the trigger on a member vote.

Secretary's note: Depending upon the timing of any change from Catta Verdara, we may need an emergency vote by the BEC to enact any changes that result.

Sir Jack restated his motion to raise dues to \$25. The motion was seconded and carried.

Membership: Mike Amerio has asked to resign. Colin McIntyre will transfer in in January. Chuck Kellner may resign, but no BEC member has heard that request first-hand.

Database report: The database has 83 members and is up to date.

Old Business: Reminder: None.

New Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:35AM