

## **SVCC Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. This meeting convened at our regular meeting spot, Swanston Community Center in Sacramento.

### **Club Officers in attendance:**

President – Bruce Williams  
Treasurer – Marlain Minardi

Recording Secretary – Patrick Carpenter  
Corresponding Secretary – Mike Grieneisen

Vice President, Troy Dinin, and Assistant Treasurer, Nick Shel, were absent.

Although Club President, Bruce Williams, was at the meeting, he was experiencing some difficulty in speaking loudly and so asked Partick Carpenter to emcee the evening's program.

**Guests:** There were eight guests at the meeting. Joining in the fun for the evening were Florencio Burbano, Linda Newens, Sondi Weaver, Monique Cox, Lisa Stanton, Jermiah Durham, Adam Jobs, and Kristin R. A hearty welcome to them all.

**Attendance** – Forty-four club members were in attendance at this meeting. Along with the eight guests, there were fifty-two people at our club meeting.

**New Life Member** – Kyle Miles joined the happy bunch of the club's Life Members. Welcome aboard for the long haul, Kyle!

It was noted that any regular club member is welcome to upgrade their membership to Life status by paying \$150, instead of the standard \$15 for annual dues. With the Life Membership one will no longer need to pay annual dues in the years to come.

**Past Meeting Minutes** - Minutes of our last regular club meeting on November 8, 2024, were provided to club members by email several days before the meeting. The reading of the minutes of our last club meeting was waived and the minutes were approved without any changes.

**Financial Report** – Our club Treasurer, Marlain Minardi, reported that our club's checking account has a balance of \$13,607.83 and our savings stands at \$6,002.23. Bob Shanks added that the club has purchased about \$7,000 worth of prizes for the coming year and that these items should also be considered to be part of the club's current assets.

**Annual Gold and Silver Prizes** – On January 24, 2024, all club members in attendance at the meeting were given an opportunity to guess what the price per ounce for gold and silver would be on the day of our 2024 holiday party. Back on the date the guesses were made, gold was trading for \$2,016.53 per ounce. In the time since that day, gold's value has risen a startling 34.8% to a value of \$2,718.06. No member was very close to that amount as it seems that nobody expected such a rise in the value of the precious metal. The closest to the correct value was Larry Ewing with a guess of \$2,556.56. Larry received a 1/20<sup>th</sup> ounce gold coin for his lucky guess. Way to go, Larry!

On that January day when we all made our guesses, silver was trading for \$22.92 per ounce. The value of silver is now \$31.90, an increase of 40.5%. Glenn Stuter was closest to the mark and received a wonderful set of four Kennedy half dollars that was produced by the US Mint in 2014 to mark the fifty-year anniversary of the coin. Nice guessing, Glenn!

**Installation Dinner** – Rick Yadon reported that our annual installation dinner will take place on Wednesday, January 8, at the Lake Natoma Inn in Folsom. The cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m. A wonderful buffet will be served and the cost for members is just \$20. Members were requested to pay their reservation fee by tonight's club meeting. If any member wishes to attend who has not yet paid Rick the reservation fee, they should contact Rick as soon as possible.

**Holiday Party** – The pot-luck dinner and holiday party was the next item on the agenda. Club members enjoyed a hearty feast with many delicious options to fill their plates. The room was very nicely decorated by Glenn Stuter and Christine Spring. Glenn and Christine organized the party and made sure that a good time was had by our members and our guests.

Many club members arrived at the party in festive holiday attire. There were necklaces with colorful flashing lights, wintery sweaters, elf hats and Santa earrings galore. A random drawing among twenty of the more festively dressed club members resulted in Heather Garcia winning a very nice slabbed Morgan dollar. Congratulations to Heather!

The club gave out year-end gifts to all club members in attendance. This year everyone received a silver dollar. The gifts were beautifully wrapped by our Club Treasurer, Marlain Minardi. Many thanks to Marlain.

Thanks again to Glenn and Christinne for all their efforts in organizing, shopping, setting up, cleaning up and making everyone feel welcome. You two are just wonderful!

**Last Meeting on Duty for Our Club Treasurer** – After two years of wonderful service to our club, Marlain Minardi was working her post as Club Treasurer for the last time. She has done a wonderful job and our club members have been excellently served by her dedication, hard work, and wonderful attitude of service with a smile. Many thanks and all the best to Marlain!

Club President, Bruce Williams, made final remarks thanking Glenn, Christine, Patrick, Marlain, and everyone who brought food to share and smiles to see. Bruce expressed wishes for wonderful holidays to all club members and guests.

The meeting concluded about 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, December 16, 2024  
Patrick Carpenter, Recording Secretary SVCC