

🌟 Summary

The American Legion Post 519 Department General Membership Meeting addressed various critical topics including membership roll call, new member inductions, officer reports, financial status, upcoming events, legal concerns, and proposals for future activities. Key discussions revolved around organizing events for fundraising, addressing financial challenges, enhancing security measures, supporting members in need, and boosting membership recruitment.

📄 Outline Meeting Convened 5:04 pm

1. Roll Call and Membership Inductions •

Roll call was conducted with various officers present.

New members and transfers were announced for induction.

2. Officer Reports and Membership Updates •

Distinguished Guests -- Amado Salinas - Tony Aguilar

Motion To Accept Minutes As Read (Motion Passed)

Post Commander highlighted past administrative challenges and progress made.

Second Vice, Lee - Commander proposed a comedy dinner night for fundraising, Piano Stand Installed, Veterans Day Parade.

1st Vice Cmdr, Guido - Discussion on new members and potential induction process.

3. Membership Expansion and Event Planning •

Discussion on new members and their verification process.

Motion To Accept New Members (Motion Passed)

Approval of new member inductions and welcoming ceremony.

4. Financial Status and Concerns •

Financial report presented with concerns over increased building insurance costs.

(See Report)

Legal fees incurred for completing a lawsuit and decreased donations impacting the post's financial health.

5. Event Planning and Entertainment •

Claudette - Concerns raised about vetting a comedian for a comedy show event.

Discussion on using Event brite for ticket sales and compliance with ABC rules.

6. Sponsorship and Community Engagement •

McArvie - Announcement of sponsoring five baseball teams and appreciation for sponsors.

3rd Vice - Kevin - Plans for involvement in oratorical activities and engagement with scouting groups, Boys State - 3 Boys to Sacramento

3 Girls To Sacramento Girls State

7. Baseball Tournament and Sanctioning •

McArvie An invitational baseball tournament is planned to advance in the American league.

The tournament requires post sanctioning and motion approval.

Motion Post 519 Sponsors 5 Base Ball Teams (Motion Passed)

8. Suicide Prevention Walk Event •

Jeff - A suicide prevention walk event is scheduled, with funds raised to be donated to VFW and Mission 22.

Sponsorship for flags at the event was proposed. 3 Flags @ \$100.00 Each

Motion To Sponsor 3 Flags Was Made - Discussion - By Russ Anne, Why

Is The Post Spending Money When Are Income Is Dwindling ?

Amendment To Original Motion Too Sponsor 2 Flags, Amendment To 1 Flag. The Original Motion For 3 Flags Was Withdrawn. All 3 Flags Were Purchased By Individual Members Of The Post

9. Election Nominations and Procedures •

Nominations were made for various positions including Commander, Vice Cmdr,s and E-Board members. A Nomination By Claudette Bradley To Nominate Brian Card For Commander Was Recognized On The Floor.

According To American Legion Bylaws The Candidate Has To Be Present In Pearson To Accept The Nomination. A Proxy Is Not Acceptable.

The election committee will meet to discuss election operations and hours of operation. (See List Of Eligible Candidates)

10. Security Cameras •

Additional security cameras were proposed by the Sons for installation in various areas of the post.

Concerns were raised by the kitchen staff regarding the installation of a camera in the kitchen.

11. Security Camera Issue in the Kitchen •

The security camera in the kitchen has been unplugged, raising concerns about visual security for the rear doors.

Plans to address the issue include installing a switch box for easy camera control during kitchen work.

12. Fundraising for Juan, The Kitchen Contractor, in Financial Need •

Tony Aguilar - A proposal was made to organize a major fundraiser with celebrity performances to support, Juan, The Kitchen Contractor, facing financial challenges.

Another separate fundraiser was suggested to assist, Juan, The Kitchen Contractor, emphasizing the need for donations and participation from the attendees.

13. Membership Recruitment for the American Legion •

Efforts were discussed to increase American Legion membership, including wearing Legion gear and recruiting new members.

Amado - Plans were outlined for a membership revitalization event and calling existing American Legion members to transfer to the post.

14. VA Healthcare Eligibility for Veterans •

Ron Heath - D. A. V. - Veterans exposed to environmental hazards are now eligible for VA healthcare, including those who served in combat zones.

The discussion highlighted the importance of veterans seeking healthcare benefits based on exposure to toxic substances during their service.(See Flyer)

Meeting Adjourned 6:25 pm

