

## 🌟 Summary

The meeting focused on the transition of leadership within the House Committee and the scheduling of future meetings, with a decision to consider changing the meeting time to accommodate more members. Action items include sending out agendas in advance and finalizing the contract for kitchen services. Additionally, financial updates, community outreach efforts, and operational issues were discussed, with key decisions made regarding funding and support for various initiatives. The suspension of a member due to violations of House Committee Rules and upcoming events, including Veterans Day and a potential piano donation, were also covered.

## 📄 Outline 11-05-24 E Board Meeting 5:00 pm

### 1. Opening Ceremony and Meeting Commencement •

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by the chaplain, emphasizing unity and support for the community.

The POW-MIA empty chair ceremony was acknowledged as a reminder of the ongoing efforts to account for missing American soldiers.

### 2. Upcoming Meetings Schedule •

The next District 21 meeting is scheduled for December 8 at Post 519 in Palm Springs.

Future meetings are planned for February 16 at Post 595 in Paris, April 13 at Post 852 in Temecula/Marietta, and May 18 at Post 53 in Hemet.

### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes •

The minutes from the last general meeting were discussed .

A (Motion to approve the minutes Posted On The Table In The Back of The Meeting Room, Of The Last General meeting. (Motion Passed)

### 4. House Committee Leadership Transition •

The previous House Chair resigned, and Guido was elected as the new House Chair to oversee future meetings.

The former House Chair will now serve as the Bar Liaison to improve integration between the House Committee and the Bar.

### 5. Proposal to Change House Committee Meeting Time •

A proposal was made to change the House Committee meeting time to accommodate members who cannot attend morning meetings.

The (motion) to change the meeting time was discussed, with various opinions expressed regarding the impact on member participation.(Motion After Discussion And Vote Did not Pass)

#### 6. Communication and Agenda Distribution •

Members discussed the importance of distributing agendas ahead of meetings to improve preparedness and participation.

It was agreed that the new House Chair would work on sending out agendas prior to meetings to ensure all members are informed.

#### 7. Email Response Expectations •

All members are encouraged to respond to emails within 24 hours to maintain effective communication.

Speaker 3 emphasized the importance of email and text for coordination among busy members.

#### 8. Schedule Change Discussion

(A motion was proposed to change the current schedule, but it did not pass.)

Speaker 4 highlighted the necessity of having staff present during the day for operational needs.

#### 9. Refrigerator Repair Costs •

The VFW refrigerator incurred \$409.25 in repairs, which will reduce the amount owed to them.

A single door refrigerator's control panel was repaired at a cost of just under \$300, installed by member Phil Martin.

#### 10. Upcoming Board Meeting with Evelyn Yardley •

Lee - See List. Evelyn Yardley from the Modernist Committee will meet with the board next Tuesday at 4 PM.

Members Garth and James are requested to attend and assist with her visit.

#### 11. Wednesday Night Concert Series Participation •

The cost to participate in the concert series is \$1,000, with potential contributions from the SONS and Auxiliary.

A motion was made to donate up to \$350 towards this cost, which passed with a tie-breaking vote. By Cmdr, With The Stipulation That the (S A L & Auxiliary) Also Donate \$350. to the Cost. ( Motion Passed )

#### 12. Financial Concerns and Building Maintenance •

Ed - Speaker 4 expressed concerns about ongoing maintenance costs for the aging building, totaling nearly \$10,000 recently.

There is a need to limit financial contributions to avoid depleting resources.

#### 13. Veterans Day Parade Participation •

Plans for the Veterans Day parade include having six vehicles and a need for volunteers to carry banners and flags.

A checklist for drivers participating in the parade was distributed to ensure compliance with event requirements.

#### 14. Future Events and Community Engagement •

Speaker 2 discussed plans for replacing Fallen Heroes banners and decorating displays for Memorial Day.

Ongoing efforts to enhance community visibility and engagement through various events were highlighted.

#### 15. Financial Report Overview •

Garth - Sales are down 21%, while costs are down 22%, indicating effective cost management by the bar manager.

Donations have increased significantly, with a net gain of \$7,500 compared to the previous year.

The total bank accounts are down \$45,000 due to a lawsuit and insurance costs incurred last year.

The finance officer is working on activating the HAP program with the SBA to manage loan payments. ( Motion To Accept Finance report Passed)

16. Community Outreach Initiatives • Community outreach spending has reached \$3,483, with plans to allocate \$1,100 for a veterans lunch.

The organization is focusing on increasing donations and goodwill within the community.

17. Facility Maintenance Updates •

Ed - The water heater, which was not serviced for 10 years, has been replaced, At A Cost Of \$3,400 , preventing potential health department issues.

Refrigeration units have been serviced, and new filters have been installed to ensure proper operation.

Ongoing maintenance issues include a leaking kitchen sink and swamp cooler repairs.

18. Coin Sales and Management •

Ernie - A total of 63 coins have been sold, generating an estimated profit of \$540.

It is important for bartenders to correctly input coin sales into the POS system to maintain accurate records.

19. Upcoming Events and Communications •

Cmdr - R J's plaque presentation is scheduled for Sunday at 10 o'clock, with plans for a Color Guard presentation.

There is a need to restock T-shirts, particularly in large sizes, and to ensure proper funding for this.

20. Legal and Membership Issues •

A member received a six-month suspension letter, and the executive committee has taken appropriate actions regarding the situation.

The insurance company has been informed about a potential lawsuit related to ongoing issues.

#### 21. Member Suspension Discussion •

Tony received a 180-day suspension for making threats to staff, which is Not in line with House Committee Rules.

The executive committee has ruled on the suspension, and Tony has the right to appeal to a higher authority.

Ed - He is still welcome to attend meetings, but is barred from canteen and post functions.

#### 22. Upcoming Events Planning •

The kitchen will provide meals for active service members during the Veterans Day Parade.

Ribs will be sold for \$20 as a fundraiser after the parade.

Thanksgiving hours are set from 11 AM to 3 PM, with prices to be determined.

#### 23. Measure J Application Update

Garth - An application for \$280,000 was submitted and accepted as project number 47 out of 52.

The next committee meeting to review projects is scheduled for November 21st, where recommendations will be made.

Garth has been actively following up on the application and is optimistic about the outcome. The Desert Sun News Paper Gave Post 519 A Great Write Up In There Last Edition

#### 24. Membership Dues Discussion •

The national membership dues have increased to \$65, and the board will vote on this at the next meeting.

Current members are encouraged to pay the new dues, and any complaints will be addressed with a \$5 refund if necessary.

## 25. Piano Donation Proposal •

Garth - A member has offered \$20,000 to purchase a grand piano for the post, which needs to be moved quickly.

The board discussed storage options and the potential for auctioning or keeping the piano.

A (Motion was passed) to accept the donation, with plans to finalize storage arrangements in the first quarter of next year.