

Summary

The meeting began with an opening prayer and the POW MIA ceremony. The meeting covered various reports, including a commendation received, membership updates, website improvements, and financial updates. Discussions also included clarifications on membership renewal and financial support for scouting programs. The meeting discussed the lawsuit settlement, financial impact, insurance payment, cash position, loan, and financial losses. They also covered upcoming events, repairs, plumbing issues, price increases, chamber of commerce lunches, and kitchen contract. The meeting discussed the sale of license plates, the formation of an election committee, old business updates, new business including hanging a donated television, and the need for volunteers to clean and organize storage areas. The meeting concluded with a closing ceremony.

Outline 3.5.24 E Board Meeting Convened 5:07

1. Opening Prayer and POW MIA Ceremony. •

The meeting started with an opening prayer led by Speaker 1, followed by the POW MIA ceremony.

- The ceremony emphasized the importance of securing the release of American prisoners and accounting for those missing from wars involving the United States.

2. Commendation and Reports. •

- The post received a commendation from the 21st District Department of California for hosting a successful meeting.
- The meeting also included various reports, such as the post commander's report and a letter of appreciation from the VFW in Indio for a donation.
- The financial position of the post was discussed, highlighting increased expenses and decreased donations compared to the previous year.

3. Membership Updates and Website Improvements. •

- Efforts were made to clean up membership records, with approximately 711 active members.
- Discussions included the need to improve the post's website to enhance communication and generate revenue for the American Legion.
- A revitalization program was mentioned to re-engage members who have not renewed their membership.
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- **4. Clarifications on Membership Renewal.** • There was a discussion about the process of membership renewal, including the requirement to pay dues for the years missed to rejoin.
- Concerns were raised about the financial burden on members who had not renewed due to COVID-19 restrictions, prompting a debate on alternative renewal options.
- **5. Financial Updates and Scouting Program Support.** • The finance officer presented financial statements, highlighting increased expenses and decreased donations compared to the previous year.
- The Motion To approved additional financial support of \$100 for the scouting program, in addition to the previously approved amount of \$500. (Motion Passed)

6. Lawsuit Settlement and Financial Impact. •

- The lawsuit settlement is still being finalized, and the financial details are under a nondisclosure agreement.
- The impact of the lawsuit on the organization's finances will be addressed down the road, and legal department involvement is necessary.

7. Financial Position and Insurance Payment. • Garth

- The insurance payment of \$25,600 has been cleared from the bank.
- The organization's current cash position is at \$45,000, with a decrease from \$72,000 compared to the previous year.
- Long-term liabilities include a 30-year SBA loan of \$25,000 taken during COVID.
- The organization incurred a net income loss of \$36,000, leading to price adjustments and potential changes in building rental charges. (Motion To Accept Finance Report As Read (Motion Passed) See Report.

8. Upcoming Events and Community Engagements. • Lee

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Various upcoming events include a veterans appreciation dinner, a neighborhood picnic, karaoke events, and a Cinco de Mayo party.

- The organization is also participating in the Vietnam Moving Wall event and is planning to engage with the community through outreach and support activities. Claudette Need To Change Face Book Posting ?

9. Repairs and Plumbing Issues. •

- The organization is addressing repairs, including rebuilding the fence and resolving plumbing issues.
- Multiple options are being considered for plumbing repairs, including the use of cameras to detect internal pipe damage.

10. Price Increases and Chamber of Commerce Lunches. •

- Price increases were approved for hall rentals and drinks, with some resistance but overall acceptance.
- Chamber of Commerce lunches hosted at the organization did not meet expected participation levels and were discontinued.

11. Kitchen Contract and House Cleaning. •

- The organization is awaiting legal guidance on the kitchen contract and is seeking additional bids for house cleaning services.

12. Sale of License Plates. • Lee

- 100 license plates were originally obtained.
- Need to improve presentation and packaging for better sales.

13. Formation of Election Committee. •

- Nominations for election committee at the next general meeting.
- Committee to present election rules to candidates.

14. Old Business Updates. •

- Investigating wall repair and insurance claim.
- Increase in dues from \$60 to \$65.
- Success of District 21 meeting and acknowledgments for the setup and tear down.

15. New Business. •

- Need to hang donated television for presentations.
- Interviewed potential website builders.

16. Volunteers for Cleaning and Organizing. •

- Need for volunteers to clean and organize storage areas.
- Discussion about cleaning out storage areas and installing a lock.

17. Closing Ceremony. • Meeting Adjourned 6:10pm

- Standard attention and uncover for closing ceremony.