

Summary

The meeting focused on community engagement initiatives, financial planning for upcoming events, and operational improvements. Key decisions included approving expenditures for community visibility, tabling the Halloween event for further coordination, approving Veterans Day funding, reviewing and approving the budget, implementing new summer hours, and planning for upcoming events such as AED training and POW-MIA recognition. The committee also addressed merchandise restocking, fundraising strategies, and support for veterans in need.

📎 Outline 8-5-25 Executive Committee Meeting 5:00 pm

1. Opening Ceremony and Prayer •

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

The POWMIA empty chair ceremony was conducted to honor unaccounted American prisoners of war and missing in action.

2. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes •

Ed - Roll call was conducted, confirming a quorum was present for the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without discussion. (Motion Passed) To accept Minutes of Previous Meeting

3. Financial Requests for Community Events •

Lee - The Second Vice Commander presented multiple financial requests for upcoming events, including \$1,000 for the Palm Street Chamber of Commerce and \$200 for an annual case.

A motion was made and passed to approve the \$200 payment to the Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce for community

visibility.

4. Telethon Planning •

Lee - Plans for a telethon on local NBC KMIR were discussed, aimed at promoting the Legion's activities and engaging the community.

Ed - The telethon is tentatively scheduled for October or November, with discussions on coordinating an open house during the event.

5. Halloween Event Discussion •

A proposal for a Halloween event on October 31st was introduced, requesting \$300 for a band.

Concerns were raised about overlapping events and the need for coordination among different groups within the Legion before finalizing plans.

6. Halloween Event Discussion (Continued) •

Rusanne - expressed concerns about approving funds for the Halloween event due to potential scheduling conflicts with other groups.

The motion to table the Halloween event discussion was made to gather more information from the House committee and other involved parties.

Kevin - suggested that multiple October events could be feasible, but emphasized the need for proper coordination to avoid overlapping activities.

7. Veterans Day Funding •

A motion was made to approve \$400 for a band for the Veterans Day event on November 11th.

The funding will come from bar proceeds, and the event is expected to attract a large audience due to its public nature.

There was discussion about the potential for a Marine Corps birthday ball on November 10th, which needs further consideration.

8. Financial Overview •

Rusanne - provided an account summary showing the current balances in various accounts, including \$22,000 in the membership account and \$47,000 in the building fund.

A budget was discussed to help manage requests for funds more effectively, ensuring that the organization can afford the proposed expenses.

9. Budget Review and Fundraising •

Rusanne - The budget for the fiscal year 2024-2026 was presented, showing projected expenses exceeding income, leading to a potential loss of \$20,000.

Attendees were asked to review their expected expenses and provide feedback, particularly regarding the allocated \$15,000 for entertainment.

Fundraising efforts were discussed, including upcoming events and the uncertainty surrounding Measure J funding.

10. Approval of Financials • 00:49:00

A motion was made and seconded to approve the financials as presented during the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously, confirming the budgetary decisions discussed. See Summary List.

11. Electrical Work Update •

Ed - An electrical panel replacement was completed for \$6,838, saving approximately \$20,000 compared to an initial estimate of \$35,000.

Concerns were raised about the condition of the air conditioning units, with estimates for replacement expected

to be around \$50,000.

Efforts to obtain additional estimates for the air conditioning work were ongoing, as previous companies were unwilling to service the existing units.

12. Signage for Bar Conduct •

Renie - A proposal was made to print signs indicating that post business should not be conducted at the bar to maintain decorum.

The motion for signage was discussed, emphasizing the need to prevent disruptive conversations related to post business in the bar area.

13. New Summer Hours Implementation •

Ernie - The House Committee approved new summer hours, with the bar opening at 2:30 PM on Mondays and Tuesdays starting next week.

This change aims to reduce operational costs due to low patronage during morning hours.

14. Approval of Smaller Sign •

The committee agreed to place a smaller sign in the front, with a motion passing for a budget of \$35 for the sign.

The wording on the sign will be adjusted from "conversations" to "discussions" as suggested by a member.

15. Bylaws Committee Update •

Amado - Chairman Klein will meet with the bylaws committee to review anomalies and issues.

Recommendations are expected to be presented by October's membership meeting after executive board review.

16. Merchandise Update •

Rusanne - New Polo's are available for \$30, and t-shirts have been restocked at \$18 each.

There is a demand for ball caps, and the committee agreed to restock them with a design that accommodates hair clips.

17. Coin Sales Status •

Ernie - Coin sales have slowed, with approximately 70-75 sold out of 200.

The committee decided to allocate ten coins for sale at the upcoming street fair, split evenly between numbered and regular coins.

18. Measure J Funding Update •

Ed - The committee is awaiting guidance from the Measure J committee on fund distribution.

Armada Construction Company is ready to start work as soon as funding is confirmed.

19. Upcoming Events

John - AED training is scheduled for August 11, with details to be confirmed.

Rusanne A voluntary appreciation dinner and a wine tasting event are proposed for early next year.

20. Donation to Needy Veteran •

John - A motion was passed to match a \$500 donation from the American Legion Auxiliary to assist a needy veteran and their family.

Ed - The program has a history of supporting veterans in need, with positive past outcomes.

21. POW-MIA Recognition Event •

Amado - Plans are being discussed for a recognition event for

POW-MIA on September 17, inviting city officials and first responders.

The committee previously presented a POW-MIA flag to the Palm Springs City Council. Meeting Adjourned 6:28 am