

Summary - 3.12.24 General Membership Meeting Convened 5:10 pm

The meeting commenced with roll call and a reminder of the floor rules. The officer's reports included membership clarifications, new member and transfer approvals, and upcoming events. The finance officer presented a detailed financial report, highlighting a significant loss, increased insurance expenses, and decreased donations. The meeting also covered house committee updates, election committee formation, and officer nominations, with Amato Salinas declining the nomination for commander. The meeting involved nominations for various leadership positions, including first, second, and third vice commanders, sergeant at arms, chaplain, and E-board positions. There was a discussion about the roles and responsibilities of the leadership positions, as well as updates on upcoming events and correspondence. Additionally, there were discussions about the kitchen operation and adherence to bylaws and regulations. The meeting focused on ensuring financial integrity and adherence to rules within the organization. The members emphasized the importance of following the bylaws and maintaining transparency in financial matters.

Outline

1. Roll Call and Floor Rules. • We Have A Quorum

- The meeting began with a roll call of officers and a reminder of the floor rules for member participation.

2. Officer's Reports.

- 1st Vice Guido Membership clarifications were discussed, including the impact of expired memberships on years accumulated.
- Cmdr, - Approval of new members and transfers, with a motion to accept them. (Vote Passed) (See List Of New Members)
- 2nd Vice - Lee - Upcoming events such as a picnic, karaoke night, and veterans' appreciation dinner were announced.

3. Financial Report.

- The finance officer presented a detailed financial report, highlighting a significant loss for the fiscal year, increased insurance expenses, and decreased donations.
- Concerns were raised about the allocation of insurance expenses and the need for additional donations and volunteers. Motion to Accept Finance Report As Read By RoxAnn Second By Claudette (Motion Passed)

4. House Committee Updates.

- Ed V -3 Year E Board, And House Committee Member - Discussions on plumbing issues, fence installation, and fundraising for an ice machine.
- Recognition of the acceptance of bar price increases and the need for continued fundraising efforts.
- McArvie Crawford - American Legion Base Ball (See Information.)

5. Election Committee Formation and Officer Nominations.

- Formation of an election committee with volunteer members.
- Nominations for officer positions, including the nomination and subsequent decline of Amado Salinas for the position of commander. (See Complete List Of Post 519 Officers Nomination's) For 2024 - 2025

6. Nominations for Leadership Positions.

- Nominations were made for first, second, and third vice commanders, sergeant at arms, chaplain, and E-board positions.
- Accepted nominations included Tony Guido for first vice commander, Lee Wilson for second vice commander, Kevin Coke for third vice commander, and RJ (Robert Johnson) for chaplain.
- There were discussions about the acceptance of nominations and the closure of nominations for each position.(See Complete List Of Post 519 Officers Nominations)

7. Updates on Events and Correspondence.

- Ernie - Updates were provided about the Vet expo, a stand down event, and a (St. Patrick's party.)
- Correspondence from the Veterans of Foreign Wars was read, expressing gratitude for a donation and volunteer efforts.
- Other upcoming events and meetings were mentioned, including a general meeting and a meet and greet.

8. Discussion about Kitchen Operation and Bylaws.

- There was a discussion about the kitchen operation and adherence to bylaws and regulations.
- Concerns were raised about the kitchen contract, supervision of the bar, and adherence to national, state, and district bylaws.
- Clarifications were made regarding the roles and responsibilities of the House committee, the commander, and the oversight for the bar. (These Subjects Are Being Looked By Our Attorney's Before Implementation.)

9. Financial Integrity and Rules Adherence.

- Tony Aguilar- Some commanders have been involved in financial misconduct and were dismissed or charged.
- The rules are intended to protect the first vice commander and the board members.

10. Maintaining Transparency and Bylaws Adherence.

- Cmdr,- The goal of the first bar liaison and campaign manager was to ensure adherence to rules and financial transparency.
- A new member expressed the need to wait for the new bylaws to be written and emphasized the importance of doing things right.

11. Closing Ceremony and Prayer.

- The meeting was concluded with a closing ceremony.

Robert Johnston - The chaplain offered a closing prayer. Meeting Adjourned 6:16