

Summary

The meeting addressed procedural issues regarding the House Committee's authority, event approvals, facility improvements, community support, and financial management. Key decisions included tabling the discussion on House meetings for future consideration, approving several event requests (including celebrations of life and a bike night), allocating funds for deep cleaning of bathrooms, planning a wine tasting fundraiser, and changing the House Committee meeting schedule to better accommodate members. The committee also approved using recent fundraising proceeds to pay down the post's SBA loan.

Outline 12-2-25 House Committee Meeting Convened 10:06

1. Appointment of House Committee Chair •

Ed Vondra - Past House Committee Chair Person And One Year Executive Committee Member, Past Post 519 S A L Cmdr, Past Dist,21 Adjutant. Advised the committee Too Be Patient with him For it has Been A few Years The last time he Chaired A Meeting. The current chair is temporarily stepping in due to Ernie's absence and needs to appoint a temporary C hair Person from the executive committee.

There was confusion regarding eligibility for the chair position, which must be filled by someone from the executive committee.

Roll Call - Committee Members Present John, Ed, Ernie Excused, Garth, McArvie Excused, Amado, Doug Cron Excused, Rusanne, Gordon, Andrea Absent. Guest - Al Mendoza Dist, 21 1st Vice Cmdr, & Adviser.

2. House Committee Meeting Procedures •

Amado - Concerns were raised about the validity of the current meeting and whether it was authorized according to House rules.

Ed -The chair clarified that the House Committee Chair Person has the authority to set meeting dates and times, and any changes must be approved by the committee. That's from the house rules Dist 21 has on file.

3. Tabling Discussion on House Meetings •

A motion was made By Rusanne Second By John to table the discussion regarding House meetings to focus on other business matters.

The motion to table was (Passed,) allowing the committee to proceed with the agenda.

4. Approval of Upcoming Events •

John - A request for a celebration of life event on December 20th was approved, with the need for an ABC license. Motion Passed

The committee also approved a

A L R night event on January 26th, requiring an ABC license as well. (Motion Passed) By Garth, Second By Rusanne

5. Additional Event Requests •

A celebration of life for Scott Grasser was scheduled for December 10th, with a suggestion to cover the ABC license cost.

The committee Voted To agreed to pay for the ABC license for the event, ensuring all necessary arrangements are made.

6. Food and Event Planning •

The meeting discussed food arrangements for an event expected to host around 15 regional presidents of the Navy League.

A (Motion was made and passed) By Garth Second By Rusanne to accept the food arrangements without the need for an ABC license since no alcohol will be served in the Back Canteen

7. Cinco de Mayo Event Approval •

The S A L are organizing a Cinco de Mayo event featuring the Trainer brothers, which historically attracts a good turnout.

A (Motion was made and Passed)By Garth Second By Rusanne to approve the event, with the understanding that an ABC license will be needed later.

8. Community Service Updates •

The Pride Parade and Veterans Day events had good turnouts, serving over 100 meals despite the absence of active military personnel.

A turkey giveaway in collaboration with local Honda and Toyota dealerships distributed over 250 meals to various posts, which was well-received.

9. Access Issues for Veterans •

Amado - A veteran in uniform was denied access to the post after the parade, raising concerns about respect for service members.

Rusanne - An investigation into the incident was suggested, and training for door staff on military protocols was recommended.

10. Facility Improvement Updates •

Garth - The contract for the 'raising the roof' project has been signed, and bids for kitchen equipment and windows are pending approval.

Ed - Discussion included selling old kitchen equipment instead of discarding it, with a suggestion to list it online for sale.

11. Upcoming Events and Fundraisers •

Rusanne - A wine tasting fundraiser is being planned, with the House committee tasked to assist in pricing and logistics.

The event is proposed to be held at the post, utilizing the existing ABC license for serving alcohol.

12. Open Container Regulations •

Ed - There was uncertainty about the legality of taking open containers of wine off the premises after purchase.

Speaker John - mentioned that liability issues could arise from this practice.

The House Committee was suggested as a potential forum for further discussion on this matter.

13. Bathroom Cleaning Concerns •

Amado - Concerns were raised about mold in the bathrooms, particularly in the women's restroom.

Speaker Garth emphasized the need for thorough cleaning to address the issue.

Speaker proposed hiring a cleaning agency for a deep clean, referencing a previous successful engagement for \$600.

14. Approval for Deep Cleaning •

A motion was made By Garth - to allocate a maximum of \$750 for a deep cleaning of the bathrooms.

The motion was seconded By Rusanne and discussed, confirming it would be a one-time A Year expense.

The (Motion Passed) with a vote, allowing the cleaning to proceed.

15. Financial Management and Community Support •

Discussion included the current financial position of the organization, with \$35,000 in the building fund.

Speaker highlighted recent community support efforts, including feeding Marines and providing baby supplies.

A suggestion was made to consider a program for providing Christmas support to families in need.

16. Bylaws and House Committee Structure •

Speaker Amado - reviewed the bylaws regarding the House Committee's procedures and responsibilities.

Adviser

Al Mendoza - There was a debate about the roles of the first and second vice chairs in the House Committee.

It was suggested that the committee should ensure meeting times accommodate all members for better participation.

17. Membership Engagement and Meeting Schedule •

John - The American Legion does not recognize the bar Or Canteen, It is a separate entity, and the Executive Committee is responsible for reporting to the membership.

There is a common concern about low membership numbers, particularly among younger veterans, making it difficult to foster new members.

The current meeting times are not accessible for working members, prompting discussions about rescheduling meetings to better accommodate them.

Gordon - A motion was proposed to change the House Committee meeting, By Committee Vote, To the first Monday of the month at 6 PM to facilitate attendance.

18. Fundraising and Financial Decisions •

Garth - The Modernism event sold 102 tickets at \$250 each, generating approximately \$23,000 for the post. 6 Ticket are available to the general membership at a \$200. level.

A motion was made to use the funds to pay down the SBA loan, which has a remaining balance of about \$25,000.

The post currently has over \$130,000 in the bank, allowing for operational expenses and debt repayment.

The (Motion to pay down the loan was Passed), Garth Second By John. Discussions - Rusanne highlighting the importance of financial responsibility and the potential for using funds for other improvements.

Meeting Adjourned 11:46 am