

🌟 Summary 10-01-24 House Committee Meeting - Convened 10:00 am

The meeting focused on approving event requests, addressing ongoing issues with disruptive members, and planning upcoming events. Key decisions included suspending a member for 90 days due to threats, organizing events, ensuring member safety through potential restraining orders, and planning an open house for Veterans Day.

📄 Outline 10-01-24 House Committee Meeting Convened 10:00 am

1. Event Requests Approval • A birthday party event request for December 14th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. was approved for approximately 60 adults, featuring live music and kitchen use.

An opera performance by auxiliary member Teresa on November 17th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. was also approved, with plans for a flyer and a request for appetizers from the auxiliary.

2. Member Disciplinary Actions •

Discussion centered on the need to address disruptive behavior from certain members, particularly Tony, who has been warned previously.

A proposal was made to suspend Tony for 90 days due to his threats and interference with post business, with plans to draft a formal letter.

3. Safety Concerns and Legal Actions •

Concerns were raised about threats made by Tony towards Leslie, with suggestions to pursue a restraining order for her safety.

The group discussed the importance of documenting incidents and ensuring that all members feel safe during meetings.

4. Addressing Unauthorized Meetings •

It was proposed to send a letter to all members clarifying that meetings held to undermine the executive board are against post bylaws.

The discussion emphasized the need for members to voice concerns during official meetings rather than in unauthorized gatherings.

5. Member Suspension Proposal

A motion was made to suspend Tony Aguilar for 90 days due to threatening a bar volunteer.

The threat involved telling the volunteer to keep quiet, to retain her job, which was deemed unacceptable.

6. Parking Regulations and Accessibility •

New three-hour parking signs were installed to address complaints about insufficient handicapped parking.

Handicapped individuals can park without time restrictions if they display a valid placard.

7. Coin Production Discussion •

A proposal was made to produce 200 commemorative coins, with discussions on pricing and quality.

The estimated cost for the coins is \$800, with potential donations reducing the total expense.

8. Wall Repair and Auxiliary Proposal •

The auxiliary proposed to plant hedges to mitigate transient traffic, pending wall repairs by the city.

The city is responsible for the wall's repair, and discussions are ongoing regarding costs and permissions.

9. Vendor Regulations for Events

An ALA member inquired about limits on outside vendors for an upcoming bake sale, with 16 vendors interested.

It was clarified that the parking lot must be closed off for vendor activities to comply with ABC regulations.

10. Plaque Ceremony Planning •

A plaque ceremony for Chaplain R.J. is proposed for (Motion) November 10th at 10 a.m., coinciding with the Marine Corps birthday. (Motion Passed)

The color guard's participation is contingent on their availability, with alternative arrangements discussed.

11. Pride Weekend Parade Participation •

The organization will participate in the Pride weekend parade, with arrangements for a tent and vehicle participation.

A request for convertible vehicles for the parade was made, with one already lined up.

12. Open House for Veterans Day •

The post will be open to the public on Veterans Day but will host an open house on November 11th.

The open house will be advertised on Next door and during the parade.

13. Kitchen Operations and Food Arrangements •

Discussions included increasing kitchen operation days to Thursday through Sunday to attract more patrons.

A proposal was made to offer simple lunch options on Thursdays to encourage attendance.

14. Vendor Contracts and Food Trucks •

Consideration was given to bringing in food trucks or catering services on days when the kitchen is not operational.

Charlie, the current kitchen operator, will be approached about a contract to ensure consistent service.

15. Fundraising for Veterans Day •

The kitchen will provide hamburgers for active service members and ribs for post members and guests during the open house.

A budget will be established for purchasing food, and fundraising efforts will be initiated to cover costs.

16. Equipment and Maintenance Updates •

The VFW refrigerator was repaired at a cost of \$409.25, and adjustments will be made to the payment to account for this expense.

A control panel for another refrigerator has been ordered, and its functionality will be assessed once installed.

17. Equipment Repairs and Costs •

The compressor burned out, requiring a \$1,200 repair for the single door unit, including parts and labor.

A less expensive Repair was to refilled with Freon for \$240, and the compressor was deemed functional pending panel replacement.

18. Incident Report and Dog Policy •

An incident report was filed after a member nearly tripped over a dog, prompting a review of the dog policy.

A certified letter will be sent to the dog owner, outlining restrictions and potential suspension for violations.

19. Membership Documentation •

New members must provide a DD-214 form for verification before processing their membership.

Renewals are simpler, requiring only the membership number for verification.

20. Health Department Inspection •

The health department conducted a routine inspection, resulting in minor violations but an overall passing grade (A) Issues included temperature violations and improper food storage, which need to be addressed.

21. Upcoming Events and Promotions •

Kichibi and Karaoke events are scheduled, but promotional flyers are not yet distributed.

Consideration of acquiring a commercial air fryer to enhance food service options during slow days. Consideration To Reserve 2 Tables for Gold Star Family's. Meeting Convened - 11:35 am