

## 🌟 Summary

The meeting focused on upcoming events and initiatives, including district meetings, community involvement, and budget approvals for various activities. Key decisions included approving funding for the Wednesday night concert series and discussing participation in local events.

## 📄 Outline 10-01-24 E Board Meeting - Convened 5:05 pm

### 1. Upcoming District Meetings •

The next district meetings are scheduled for October 20th at Post 79 in Riverside and December 8th at an unspecified location.

Additional meetings are planned for February 16th in Paris and April 13th in Temecula/Marietta.

### 2. Introduction of Guests •

Amado Salinas was introduced as a member of the National Legislative Council and the Department of California National Security Commissioner.

### 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes •

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously after a motion by Ernie and a second by Kevin. (Motion Passed) - (Officer's Report) Adjutant - No Report - 1st Vice Guido -Membership Doing Good.

### 4. Community Events and Participation •

The Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce is hosting a car show on October 5th, and a request was made to set up a tent for the event.

The Wednesday night concert series will start in December, requiring a budget of \$1,000, which needs approval.

### 5. Pride Weekend Activities •

A wreath-laying ceremony is scheduled for November 1st, with participation from local dignitaries and the color guard.

The Palm Springs Pride tent will be set up on November 2nd and 3rd, with efforts to engage veterans in the parade.

### 6. Veterans Day Parade and Activities •

Plans for the Veterans Day parade include six vehicles and participation from Gold Star families.

The post will host a celebration with music and food after the parade.

#### 7. Halloween Party Proposal •

A proposal for a Halloween party was discussed, suggesting a costume contest and themed music without a DJ to minimize costs.

The need for a vote on the Halloween party was raised. From The House Committee .

#### 8. Budget Approval for Concert Series •

A motion was made to approve \$1,000 for the Chamber of Commerce's Wednesday night concert series, starting in December.

The motion was seconded, and discussion on the proposal was initiated. Discussion - More Info Needed.

#### 9. Budget Allocation for Community Projects •

Several members requested \$1,000 each for various projects, highlighting the need for a structured budget.

Rusanne suggested creating an annual budget based on previous finances to allocate funds for special projects.

#### 10. Benefits of Community Engagement •

Speaker 1 Lee emphasized the importance of community visibility and outreach through events like concerts.

Participation in community activities helps build relationships and recognition, as noted by Speaker 1's reference to Corona's successful community involvement.

#### 11. Motion to Table Funding Requests •

A motion was made to table the funding requests until new business could be discussed.

Rusanne - Members acknowledged the need for more information before making financial commitments.

## 12. Approval of License Plate Expenses •

A motion was made to approve a refund request for nearly \$900 related to license plate expenses.

(The motion passed) unanimously, with members recognizing the community outreach benefits of the license plates.

## 13. Halloween Event Planning •

Discussion included the potential for a Halloween event with a costume contest and catering license.

Speaker 1 volunteered to oversee the event planning, ensuring compliance with regulations.

## 14. Open House During Modernism Week •

A motion was proposed to hold an open house during Modernism Week, with discussions on the benefits of community outreach.

The motion faced opposition, with some members advocating for a Veterans Day event instead, citing better outreach opportunities.

## 15. Community Engagement Strategy •

Members discussed the potential for hosting multiple events to attract visitors during Modernism Week.

The importance of showcasing the post's history and engaging with the community was emphasized, despite concerns about the venue's capacity.

## 16. Open House on Veterans Day •

The house committee recommended having an open house on Veterans Day.

A motion was made and approved unanimously to proceed with the open house. (Motion Passed)

## 17. Financial Report Overview •

Garth - Sales are down 20% for the first three months of the fiscal year, but donations have increased significantly.

The net income for the first three months is \$6,600, a \$15,000 improvement compared to last year. (Motion To Accept Finance Report ( Motion Passed) Skip - Service Officer Report - V A Is Approving More Veterans Claim's

#### 18. Fundraising for Youth Baseball •

Kevin - (Marker Broadcasting) Has Plans for a fundraising event at local stadiums are underway, with dates tentatively set for November.

Sufficient funds are available in the post baseball account for necessary expenses.

#### 19. Service Dog Policy Enforcement •

A letter will be sent to a member regarding her dog not meeting service dog requirements, following multiple complaints.

The house committee is addressing issues of safety and compliance with service dog regulations.

#### 20. Coin Purchase Approval •

A motion was made to approve the purchase of commemorative coins for \$800, with \$300 in donations reducing the cost to \$500.

The proposed selling price for the coins is discussed, with suggestions to set it at \$15 for better sales.

#### 21. Merchandise Pricing Strategy •

A suggestion was made to sell items for \$15 each or offer a discount for bulk purchases.

Previous sales practices in Colorado indicated that lower prices encourage bulk buying for promotional purposes. ( Motion Passed)

#### 22. Personnel Updates •

Bartender Tony quit, contrary to rumors of being fired.

Betty was not banned from the premises but was reassigned due to performance issues related to membership checks.

#### 23. Formation of New Committees •

(Motion ) A communications committee and a fundraising committee were proposed to enhance transparency and member involvement.

Volunteers were sought for both committees, with James and others expressing interest. ( Motion Passed)

#### 24. Legal Counsel Proposal •

A (Motion) was made to retain a legal counsel service for \$1,788 annually, with a potential discount from member contributions.

The service would provide unlimited consultations and contract reviews, addressing the need for legal guidance.( Motion Passed)

#### 25. Upcoming Events Planning •

Plans for the Pride Parade and Veterans Day events were discussed, including food arrangements and participation logistics.

The kitchen will serve active service members, and ribs will be prepared as a fundraiser for the post.

#### 26. Suspension of Member •

A motion was made to suspend Tony for six months due to threats made against staff.

The board discussed the implications of the suspension and the process for notifying the member.( Motion Passed)

#### 27. Member Conduct and Suspension Letter •

The board discussed the need to draft a Suspension letter regarding a member's repeated infractions.

It was decided that the letter should be sent to the Executive Board for approval before distribution.

A record of previous warnings and infractions was noted to support the letter's content.

The member's behavior has raised concerns among other members, leading to discussions about potential legal implications.

#### 28. Consultation Approval •

The board considered approving a consultation to assist in drafting the Suspension letter.

This consultation was viewed as a test for future advisory needs.

#### 29. Constant Contact Email Service •

A (Motion) was made to implement Constant Contact for member communications at an annual cost of \$600.

Amado - The board discussed the potential to expand the service to include auxiliary and sons of the Legion members.

An amended (Motion) was passed to approve the initial service while exploring options for a larger plan to accommodate more contacts. (Both Motions Passed)

#### 30. Health Department Visit •

The post received a visit from the Health Department, resulting in minor violations that were promptly addressed.

The department's inspector indicated that they would not return soon due to staffing shortages. We Still Have Our (A) Rating

#### 31. Respect Among Members •

A concern was raised about a reported incident of yelling between members at the post.

The board emphasized the importance of maintaining respect and decorum among all members during meetings. Meeting Adjourned 6:55 pm