

Summary

The meeting addressed community involvement, financial updates, upcoming events, fundraising efforts, and organizational procedures. Key decisions included donating to a local family in need, planning for major community events, finalizing New Year's party details, addressing bylaws submission issues, and using charity event proceeds to pay off an SBA loan. Reports from officers highlighted the importance of maintaining community support and engagement, while committee discussions focused on improving scheduling and accommodating younger members.

Outline 12-2-25 Executive Committee Meeting Convened 5:07 pm

1. Opening Ceremony and Meeting Declaration •

The meeting began with an opening prayer led by the Chaplain.

The POW MIA Empty Chair ceremony was acknowledged as a reminder of American prisoners of war and missing in action.

2. Roll Call and Quorum Confirmation •

Roll call was conducted, -John, Ed, Ernie Excused, Lee Late, Kevin, Garth, McArvie, Allen Lane, Jeff, James Snow Excused, E 1year ED, E1year Mike, e 2 year Ed Churchwell Absent, e 2 year Doug Excused, E 3 year Ron, E 3year Rusanne. confirming the presence of key officers and establishing a quorum for the meeting.

The Assistant Adjutant was excused, and the First Vice was also Excused.

Guests - Al Mendoza Dist 21 1st Vice Cmdr, Steve Lapham Dist 21 E Board

3. Upcoming District Meetings •

John - Upcoming District 21 meetings were scheduled for January 18, March 15, and May 17, with times set for various activities.

The organization is actively seeking a new Judge Advocate following the resignation of the previous one.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes •

The minutes from the last meeting were confirmed to be posted online and were approved unanimously after a motion and second.(Motion Passed)

Officers Report - Ed - Adj, no report - Allen - Service Officer, no Report - 3rd Vice, Kevin - 8 Candidates To Boys & Girls State -Scholarship Meeting,Working on Oratorical may not this year. Chaplain -no Report Sergent @ Arms - Jeff - Suicide Prevention Event

5. Financial Report and Updates •

Garth - The Finance Officer reported a total of \$124,000 in cash across various accounts, emphasizing the need for community involvement.

Concerns were raised about a recent hacking incident affecting the organization's bank account. See P & L Account List.

6. Community Assistance Proposal • 0:16:35

Jeff - A motion was made to match a \$250 donation to a local family affected by a fire, which was seconded and approved unanimously.

The donation will be presented at a fundraiser next Tuesday.(Motion Passed)

7. Upcoming Events and Community Engagement •

Lee - 2nd Vice Report - Plans for participating in the Parade of Lights were discussed, including the need for a decorated vehicle and volunteers.

The Chamber of Commerce concert series was mentioned as an opportunity for community engagement, with an invitation for members to attend.

8. Upcoming Events and Fundraising •

Lee - Scott Grasser Celebration of life will be lead by the color guard / honor guard starting at 5:00pm for the event.

Fleet Easton will perform the national anthem and other songs pro bono at the event.

The next karaoke event is scheduled for December 27th, with kitchen hours yet to be determined.

Tim Bryant will perform for \$200, and he has a significant following.

Village Fest has raised approximately \$950 since July, with expectations to exceed \$1,000 by January.

The funds collected from Village Fest will go into the membership account for community outreach.

9. New Year's Party Planning •

Lee - The kitchen is preparing a menu for the New Year's party, with ticket prices expected to be set soon.

A potluck is planned for the day after the New Year's party, coinciding with the first football game.

John - The House Committee is working on finalizing details for the New Year's party. See List.

10. Bylaws Committee Report •

Rusanne - The bylaws committee has completed the new bylaws, which were approved at the department level.

John - The bylaws were sent out to members Of the Executive committee And The Department of California Bylaws Committee without following the proper procedures, which Has caused issues.

Rusanne - A reading of the bylaws is scheduled for December 9th, with suggestions for changes to be considered.

Ed- Adjutant,- This will not happen until the Amendments or changes to the Bylaws are Reviewed by the Executive Committee and Membership

11. House Committee Meeting Schedule •

The House Committee meeting will now be held on the Monday prior to the Executive Committee meeting at 6 PM.

Ed - This change was made to ensure better attendance for a few, and Not to accommodate the people that Handle the emergency situations that arise during the day.

Ed - The House committee Chair Person is responsible for setting the date and time of the meetings, as per the operating procedures. That's from house rules that District 21 has on file,

12. Scheduling Conflicts •

The A L R's meeting conflicts with the scheduled room for the first Monday of every month at 6 PM.

A motion was proposed to hold meetings on the same day as fundraisers to increase attendance.

The need to accommodate younger members in scheduling was emphasized.

13. Recent Events and Achievements •

Both the Pride and Veterans Day parades had good attendance, with 106 meals served on Veterans Day.

Over 250 Turkey meals were given away to veterans and their families, thanks to donations from local Honda and Toyota of the Desert Dealerships.

A thank you card was circulated for members to sign, expressing gratitude to James Snow for his support with the telethon fun Raiser

14. Fundraising and .Financial Decisions •

Garth - A contract is signed for \$65,000 to procure new kitchen equipment, with two bidders providing options.

A motion was made by Garth and second by Kevin to use \$23,000 from an upcoming charity event to pay Down a \$25,000 SBA loan, potentially saving the Legion \$33,000 over ten years.

(Motion Passed)

Rusanne - The importance of negotiating with the SBA for loan forgiveness upon full payment was discussed.

15. Upcoming Events •

The Christmas Day canteen will be closed, but a joint potluck will be held at a local bar, The Hair of the Dog.

Plans for a New Year's Eve dinner are in progress, with menu details pending from vendors.

McArvie - A suggestion was made to auction off a Steve Garvey autographed baseball bat and ball for fundraising.

Good of Legion - Garth - O'Donnell Golf Club to assist with fund raising.

Meeting Adjourned 6:08 pm