

🌟 Summary

The meeting covered a wide range of topics including district meetings, membership updates, event planning, financial reports, merchandise sales, kitchen personnel changes, entertainment adjustments, bartender concerns, building renovations, security measures, communication strategies, and the formation of an investigatory committee for communication methods. Key decisions included the approval of a new member, event schedules, financial challenges, merchandise sales planning, discontinuation of Sunday entertainment, electrical panel repairs, ATM theft response, and the implementation of a new communication strategy.

📄 Outline 8-13-24 General Membership Meeting Convened 5:00pm

1. Upcoming District Meetings •

Guest's - Amado Salinas & Albert Martinez - District 21 and Area 5 meetings were announced for various dates and locations. See Schedule

Auxiliary meetings were not scheduled yet, but timings were provided for SONS, PCC, and American Legion meetings. (Motion To Accept Minutes Of Last Meeting (Motion Passed))

2. Membership Updates •

Guido - The First Vice Commander reported on 736 members, including new members and transfers.

Discussion and approval were held for admitting new member James Tangorre. See List.

3. Event Planning •

Lee - Various events were discussed, including Friday bookings, Saturday events, karaoke nights, and upcoming activities like Labor Day and Color Guard events.

Details about the Taste of Palm Springs event and the need for volunteers were shared.

4. Financial Reports •

Cmdr. Financial reports for July were presented, highlighting a decrease in bar sales and challenges with operating costs.

Details on repair bills, profit/loss, cash reserves, and a surprise \$25,000 loan repayment were discussed.

5. Approval of Garth's Report •

Ernie made a motion to approve Garth's report, which was seconded by Monte.

The motion was passed with no objections.

6. Merchandise Sales Planning •

Rusanne Anthony is working on t-shirts and coffee mugs with the post logo.

Various mug options were discussed, with prices ranging from \$2.36 to \$13.

Desert Promotions may have the logo for the shirts.

A popular t-shirt design was mentioned for consideration. Sgt.at Arms Jeff - A L R Sponsoring 22K Walk April 22 -Sept,11th Patriot Day.

7. Events and Ceremonies •

Plans were discussed for a Patriot Day ceremony on 9-11 with guest speakers.

The American Legion Color Guard from Post 519 will participate.

An event to raise awareness and funds for veteran organizations was mentioned. Kevin - 6 Girls Sent To Girl's State, Ken Fort- S A L Sponsored Girl's State.Donation's To Cub & Boy Scout, And for Girl Scout Uniform's. Video For A. L. Base Ball By James Snow.

8. Plaque and Stage Dedication for R J •

Ed - Funds were raised for a plaque in memory of R J, the former chaplain.

The plaque is expected to be presented soon, with consideration for naming the stage after R J.

The stage dedication is part of honoring R J's musical talents.

9. Membership Renewal Issues •

National sent incorrect renewal notices with \$35 instead of the correct \$60 dues.

Efforts were made to rectify the situation with National headquarters.

Members were advised to renew at \$60, and corrected notices will be sent in October.

10. Issues with National and Financial Concerns

Members Have until January 1st to renew, but there are ongoing issues with \$35 checks.

Financial burden incurred due to printing costs for notices and stamps.

11. New Kitchen Personnel and Entertainment Changes •

New kitchen personnel are being tried out without a contract.

Decision made to discontinue Sunday entertainment due to past issues.

12. Electrical Panel Repairs •

Estimate of \$13,000 for electrical panel replacement.

James Tangorre - Seeking additional estimates without upfront charges.

13. Building Renovations and Funding •

Exploring building renovations through Measure J for non-profit organizations.

Seeking estimates for comprehensive building upgrades. S A L Paying To Replace Bar Stool's. N F L T V Season Cost Is \$1,500.00 A Month.

14. ATM Theft and Security Measures

ATM theft incident resulted in a loss of \$3,400.

Video evidence provided to the police for investigation.

15. Communication Strategy Discussion •

Rusanne - (Motion) Platforms like Facebook, websites, and Constant Contact were considered for communication.

Amado - Use Of Privet Membership List, Concerns were raised about the cost and privacy implications of using Constant Contact.9

16. E-blasts a Membership Communication •

Guido- We Do Not Share Our Member's email List. E-blasts were seen as a more direct form of communication compared to websites and social media.

The process of obtaining permission for sending e-blasts to members was discussed.

17. Motion Amendment for Membership Communication •

Amado - A motion was made to amend the communication strategy to ensure members' approval before releasing their emails.

The discussion revolved around the need for explicit consent for sending out communications.

18. Formation of Investigatory Committee •

A motion was made to table the previous motions and form a committee to research the communication methods further.

Members volunteered to be part of the investigatory committee to explore and propose viable solutions. (Committee Member's)-James Tangorre - James Snow - Rusanne - Guido.

Department Executive Committee Meeting Update • Updates from the Department Executive Committee meeting in Bakersfield were shared.

Discussions included community involvement, national security initiatives, and fundraising efforts. Adjourned 6:33pm