

Summary

The meeting focused on planning upcoming events and addressing electrical and air conditioning issues at the facility. Key decisions included tabling the auxiliary event until further information is gathered and approving the ALR chili cook-off on October 11th. The meeting also addressed office cleanup, health department requirements for construction, upcoming events, and changes to bar operations, including the introduction of drink chips. Key decisions included a trial of adjusted operating hours on Mondays and Tuesdays and the implementation of a new drink chip system.

📌 Outline 8-5-25 House Committee Meeting 10:00 am

1. Installation Event on August 23rd •

Greg Morgan requested approval for an installation event on August 23rd from 4 to 7 p.m.

The event is seen as redundant since a previous installation has already occurred.

Donations are being requested for food, but the purpose is unclear.

The motion to approve the event was made and passed with some abstentions.

2. Auxiliary Event Discussion •

John - An auxiliary event is scheduled for October 1st and October 4th from 4 to 8 p.m.

Doug - Concerns were raised about overlapping with Leslie's annual Oktoberfest event.

A motion was made to table the discussion until Leslie can be consulted, which was approved.

3. Chili Cook-off Approval •

The ALR chili cook-off is scheduled for October 11th from 1 to 4 p.m.

A motion to approve the event was made and seconded, with unanimous approval.

4. Electrical and Air Conditioning Issues •

Ed - An estimate of \$34,990.92 was received for replacing electrical panels, but a different contractor completed the work for \$6,838, saving \$20,000.

Ongoing issues with air conditioning units were discussed, with multiple companies refusing to work on them until electrical issues are resolved.

The need for new mounts for the air conditioning units was highlighted, with suggestions for metal replacements.

The committee is seeking additional contractors to assess and potentially replace the air conditioning units.

5. Measure J Funding Status •

Ed - The company is ready to start work on the facility but is awaiting confirmation on funding from Measure J.

Garth is the point of contact for Measure J and is currently out of town, leaving the committee in a holding pattern until further updates are received.

6. Office Cleanup •

A full day will be dedicated to cleaning out the office and removing unused items.

A commercial shredding company may be hired to shred documents older than five years.

7. Health Department Involvement •

Ed - The health department must be consulted before starting any construction work, as they oversee safety and plumbing

changes.

Previous plumbing issues were discussed, confirming that the drainage system is adequate but some sinks are outdated and not compliant with current regulations.

8. Upcoming Events •

Scheduled events include the ALR dinner on September 11th and two major parades in November.

The Marine Corps Birthday falls on a Monday, creating potential for a four-day weekend.

9. Bar Operations Changes •

Lesli - A proposal was made to adjust operating hours on Mondays and Tuesdays to open later at 2 PM until the end of September.

The motion to change hours was passed, with plans for promotional flyers to inform patrons.

10. Introduction of Drink Chips •

John - A new drink chip system will be implemented, allowing patrons to buy drinks for \$5 with no change given for amounts over that.

Lesli - Bartenders will manage the chips, with a limit of 20 chips available per day to ensure accountability and prevent misuse.

Pause Recording 10:45 am.

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The meeting addressed operational issues related to bartenders, the enforcement of a no political discussion policy at the bar, food policies, and piano maintenance. Additional topics included entertainment protocols, electrical safety, the purchase of new tables, review of committee rules, and event flag costs. Key decisions included implementing signage to enforce the no political discussion policy, approving up to \$500 for piano tuning, clarifying entertainment procedures, ensuring electrical safety compliance, approving the purchase of new round tables, and considering cost-effective alternatives for event flags.

Outline 8-5-25 House Meeting Resumed

1. Bartender Responsibilities •

John - Bartenders must be held accountable for their duties, including setting up coffee and properly securing the refrigerator.

Issues with swamp coolers being left on unnecessarily were raised, leading to increased electricity costs and potential equipment damage.

Lesli - A list of responsibilities for bartenders will be created to ensure all tasks are completed.

2. Political Discussions at the Bar •

John - A need for signs prohibiting political discussions at the bar was emphasized to maintain a non-partisan environment.

Ernie - The house committee will seek to create unique signs to reinforce this policy.

Ed - It was suggested to also include a prohibition on discussing post-business at the bar to prevent misinformation and gossip.

3. Food Policy at the Bar •

Lesli - Bartenders are responsible for ensuring that outside food is not brought into the bar when food is being served from the kitchen.

A recent incident involving patrons bringing pizza into the bar highlighted the need for better enforcement of this policy.

John - The kitchen staff's performance during busy times was discussed, indicating a need for improved service to prevent patrons from seeking outside food.

4. Piano Tuning Approval •

Leslie DeMuth requested approval for a piano tuner to assess and tune the piano at a cost of \$300 to \$500.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure for the piano tuning.

Ed - The motion passed unanimously, allowing for the piano to be tuned for the first time since being placed on a new stand.

5. Piano Entertainment Protocol •

There was confusion about who can perform at the post, specifically regarding a member's suggestion to allow anyone to play the piano.

It was agreed that Lee, who is in charge of entertainment, should be the first point of contact for such requests.

New member involvement was encouraged, but proper procedures must be followed to avoid misunderstandings.

6. Electrical Safety Concerns •

Ed - A complaint was made regarding loose electrical wires, leading to a visit from a city inspector.

The electrical panel was found to be improperly covered, and necessary repairs were made to ensure compliance with safety standards.

Ongoing vigilance is required to prevent further issues and ensure the safety of the premises.

7. New Round Tables Purchase •

John - The auxiliary voted to purchase 12 new round tables for the main hall, with the process expected to begin next week.

A plan is needed for the removal of old tables, potentially involving donations or disposal.

The auxiliary's initiative was acknowledged and appreciated.

8. Review of House Committee Rules •

Amado - A suggestion was made to review the House Committee rules to eliminate redundancies and clarify procedures.

The importance of adhering to Robert's Rules of Order was emphasized to maintain order as membership grows.

Continuous improvement of governance practices was encouraged to ensure smooth operations.

9. Flags for Events •

Doug - A proposal was made to replace costly flags with more affordable flag stickers for events.

It was clarified that such budgetary decisions fall under the executive board's purview.

The rising costs of flags were noted, prompting a reevaluation of promotional materials. Meeting Adjourned 11:18 am