

Summary



During the meeting, Jacqueline James presented an opportunity for nonprofit organizations to volunteer at the Palm Springs Pride event and receive payment in return. The event will have multiple bars along Palm Canyon, and volunteers can represent their organizations and wear their branding. The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss upcoming events and initiatives, including the Pride weekend and the Vietnam Veterans Stand Down. It was decided to recruit volunteers for flag setup and spread the word about the events. Action items include organizing meetings with writers and media outlets, collecting stories from veterans, and providing security for the Stand Down event. The meeting also discussed the financial situation of the organization and decided to increase the pay rate for bartenders on Friday nights. The finance team is looking for a new CPA and has interviews scheduled. There are upcoming events like October Fest, a Halloween party, an open house, and Veterans Day activities. The Legion needs to improve attendance on Saturdays and find ways to promote themselves. Nominations are open for a first-year position, and the meeting discussed nominations for first-year positions, the appointment of a non-voting e-board position, changing locks for the post, upgrading computer status, and a funding request for a new Girl Scout troop. It was decided to allocate \$1,000 to the Girl Scouts for funding new troops, with the option for the Girl Scouts to share the cost. The meeting also addressed promoting the American Legion event and involving more vehicles in the parade.

Outline

1. Volunteering at Pride Event • 00:00:00

- Jacqueline James introduced the opportunity for nonprofit organizations to volunteer at the Pride event.
- Volunteers will be paid in return for every man hour worked.
- Organizations can represent themselves and wear their own branding.
- Multiple bars will be located along Palm Canyon.
- Interested parties should sign up as soon as possible.

2. Volunteering at Rotary Park • 00:05:39

- Rotary Park will be open from November 4th to November 12th.
- Volunteers are needed to sit with attendees and provide support.
- Having at least one veteran present during the event is desired.
- No set time limits for volunteering.
- Interested individuals can sign up for a couple of hours.

3. Upcoming Events and Initiatives • 00:11:18

- Flyers were distributed to promote the events and encourage participation.
- The Pride weekend may pose a scheduling conflict.
- Efforts will be made to involve writers and media outlets.
- Volunteers are needed for flag setup.
- The Vietnam Veterans Stand Down will take place on October 21 and 22 at the VFW Post in Desert Hot Springs.

4. 50th Anniversary of Vietnam War Events • 00:16:24

- The Stand Down event will commemorate various significant anniversaries related to the Vietnam War.
- Efforts will be made to gather stories and provide opportunities for veterans to connect.
- Media coverage will be sought to raise awareness about the event and the impact of the draft.

5. Bartender Compensation • 00:19:28

- Discussion about compensating the bartenders for their work.
- A motion was made to resume paying the bartenders.
- The motion was tabled for further discussion at the next board meeting.

6. Upcoming Birthdays • 00:22:32

- Upcoming birthdays in October and November were mentioned.
- No further details or decisions were discussed.

7. Issue of Paying Bartenders • 00:24:34

- The organization had a meeting with the IRS last year regarding paying bartenders.
- They cannot afford to pay minimum wage and insurance for bartenders.
- The IRS is currently turning a blind eye to the issue.
- The recommendation is to tip bartenders well.
- The topic will be discussed further at the board meeting.

8. Guest Recognition • 00:28:25

- Richard Cullible is recognized as a guest.
- Appreciation is expressed for the elected officers and active membership.
- The hope is for the continued growth of the organization.

9. Upcoming Meetings • 00:30:44

- District area and DC convention on January 7 at District 21 Legion meetings at Post 742.
- PCC meeting at 09:00 A.m. at Post 280.
- Braley Post meeting on the 28th with a chili cook-off.
- The chili cook-off is known for making chili from scratch.

10. Finance Report and CPA Firm • 00:33:49

- Approximately \$80,000 in the bank.
- Five various accounts with balanced finances.
- The bartenders' pay rate should increase on Friday nights.
- A new CPA firm will be established for the finance report.

11. Finance team and CPA search • 00:36:54

- Interviews with potential CPAs scheduled for mid-month
- Looking for a new CPA to replace the previous one
- Decision to continue with the hiring process

12. Upcoming events • 00:38:25

- October Fest this Saturday with popular band Steel Woods
- Halloween party on October 28th with band West Coast Flyer
- Costume contest planned for November

13. Legion presence and outreach • 00:39:55

- Tent downtown for Saturday and Sunday to reach the community
- Leading a parade on the fifth and inviting others to join
- Planning an open house to attract veterans

14. Improving Saturday attendance • 00:41:26

- Seeking ideas to increase attendance on Saturdays
- Avoiding competition with other venues
- Need better promotion and outreach

15. Need for a new historian • 00:42:57

- Current historian cannot serve in that role
- Looking for someone interested in the position
- Cleaning up Legion's history and information

16. Chaplain's role and focus • 00:44:27

- Chaplain's inclusive attitude towards all faiths and denominations
- Emphasis on confidentiality and focusing on issues

- Avoiding personalization and gossip

17. Committee reports • 00:45:58

- House committee meeting scheduled for first Tuesday in November
- Finance committee already provided updates
- Membership committee working on processing cards

18. Nominations for first-year position • 00:47:29

- Opening nominations for a first-year position
- Nomination of Ernie Smeaker
- Acceptance of nomination by Ernie Smeaker

19. Nominations for First Year • 00:49:00

- One nomination for Ernie Meeker.
- Nominations are closed and a motion from the floor can elect the nominee.

20. Appointment of Non-Voting E-Board Position • 00:51:47

- Looking for two volunteers for the House committee.
- Doug is nominated and one more person is needed.

21. Changing Locks for the Post • 00:54:34

- Locks will be changed within the next week or two.

22. Upgrading Computer Status • 00:55:57

- Researching and shopping for a new computer.
- Authorized up to \$1,000 for the computer.
- Motion to amend the budget to \$2,000 for computer and software.

23. Funding Request for New Girl Scout Troop • 01:00:08

- Request for funding support for a new Girl Scout troop.
- Troop number 266 with about 30 girls in need.

24. Allocation for Girl Scouts • 01:02:55

- \$500 requested for the Girl Scouts, with a suggestion to increase it to \$1,000.
- Details on how to make the check out will be provided if approved.

25. Involvement of Girl Scouts • 01:03:47

- Discussion on whether the Girl Scouts should be approached or interested in sharing the cost.
- Decision to approach the President with the question.

26. Funding for Girl Scout Troops • 01:04:38

- Funding requested for brand new Girl Scout troops.
- Purpose of funding is to provide uniforms and support similar to the baseball team.

27. Promoting American Legion Event • 01:05:29

- Discussion on spreading the word about the event.
- Request for contact information to gather more information for the event.

28. Vehicles for Parade • 01:06:21

- Question regarding the involvement of vehicles in the parade.
- Need to check with the former commander for details on vehicle participation.

29. Promotion of Legion Event • 01:07:12

- Encouragement for any veteran in town to join the Legion event.
- Request to spread the word to relevant groups of people.

30. Meeting Conclusion • 01:08:04

- Closing remarks and gratitude for the time spent together.