

🌟 Summary

The meeting focused on planning upcoming events, addressing communication issues with a board member, and discussing funding for a Veterans Day event. Key decisions included confirming event dates and responsibilities, as well as strategies for improving coordination among team members. Additionally, there were discussions on a fundraising event involving ribs, financial responsibilities, an investigation into commander charges, the resignation of the house committee chair, Thanksgiving reservations, communication within the executive committee, potential changes to drink pricing and event contracts, and a donation for a piano.

📄 Outline 11-5-24 House Committee Meeting 10:00 am

1. Upcoming Events Planning •

An event request for a band fundraiser and record release on March 29, 2025, was discussed, with approximately 100 to 150 attendees expected.

A birthday party for Joe Rosante is scheduled for February 8, 2025, from 5 to 9 PM, with an open bar and dinner for about 100 guests.

A reunion for Vietnam veterans is planned for late October 2025, but specific details are pending.

2. Communication Issues with Board Member •

Concerns were raised about Lee's lack of communication regarding event planning, which has caused operational issues.

Suggestions were made to establish a dedicated entertainment committee to streamline event management and reduce Lee's direct involvement.

It was agreed that Lee needs to improve his cooperation with the board and follow established protocols.

3. Veterans Day Event Funding •

The kitchen is preparing to serve active service members on Veterans Day, with approximately \$1,000 in funding secured so far.

Commitments for additional funding include \$250 from the VFW and a potential \$200 from the ALR.

Two members volunteered to cover the costs of ribs and charcoal for the event, with receipts to be submitted afterward.

4. Fundraising Event Planning • The ribs fundraiser is expected to cover lunch costs, with any excess funds going to the post office.

Two cases of ribs will serve 150 people, and additional sides will be provided at minimal cost.

The event will start serving ribs at 3 p.m. after the parade, which begins at 3:30 p.m.

Tuck will reissue the rib deal for Veterans Day at a price of \$20.

5. Financial Responsibilities •

The VFW reefer Repair costs \$409.25, and a check needs to be written for the agreed amount of \$750. Minus \$409.25 Repair Cost.

A separate refrigerator repair cost just under \$300, with labor provided free of charge by Phil Martin.

6. Investigation into Commander Charges •

Aguilar is escalating his charges against the commander to the state level, prompting a request for an investigation.

The board discussed whether to reduce the suspension of the commander, with varying opinions on the approach.

A phone call will be made to the department commander to request an investigation, emphasizing transparency.

7. Resignation of House Committee Chair •

The house committee chair, John Picken, announced His resignation, prompting the need for a new election.

(Motion) Guido was nominated to take over as chair, with discussions on restructuring roles within the committee. Guido Accepted The Nomination. (Motion Passed)

The importance of maintaining oversight and input from the executive committee was emphasized.

8. Thanksgiving Reservations •

A sign-up list for Thanksgiving reservations will be created at the bar, with phone reservations also accepted.

There is a need to update contact information displayed at the bar for reservations.

9. Communication with Executive Committee •

Speaker 2 emphasized the need for timely responses from committee members regarding communications, especially for important matters.

Speaker 3 acknowledged their own lack of response and the importance of consistent communication.

10. Friday Lunch Group Organization •

Speaker 5 relayed feedback from Joe Ponyfield about the need for the Friday lunch group to sign in more efficiently.

Speaker 2 mentioned challenges in managing the group due to accessibility issues for disabled members.

11. Drink Chips Proposal •

Speaker 0 proposed the idea of selling drink chips for \$5 each, which could be used for various drink types, to enhance revenue.

The group discussed the potential for drink chips to be a profitable souvenir, with the possibility of different pricing tiers for drinks.

12. Private Event Pricing •

Speaker 0 suggested increasing drink prices by \$1 for private events to boost revenue, which was generally supported by the group.

Speaker 2 agreed to revise contracts to reflect the new pricing structure for private events.

13. Piano Donation Discussion •

Speaker 5 discussed a potential donation of a baby grand piano valued at \$20,000, which could benefit the organization financially.

The group considered the implications of storing the piano and its potential use during the refurbishment of their existing piano.

14. Future Piano Management •

The group discussed the logistics of storing the donated piano and ensuring it remains in good condition until needed.

Speaker 5 noted the historical significance of their current piano and the need for a replacement during its refurbishment. Meeting Adjourned 10:42 am.