



AMERICAN LEGION NEWPORT HARBOR POST 291
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
THURSDAY, 02 NOV 2023
--APPROVED--

CALL TO ORDER: Appx. _1830_HRS

INVOCATION: Brad McDermott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commander Evin Planto

ROLL CALL:

X Evin Planto, Commander

X Adjutant, Nick Saifan

X Brian Fleming Jr., 1st Vice

X Ray Ricard, 2nd Vice

X Cindy Baker, 3rd Vice

X Jon Reynolds, Jr. Past Comm

E Diane Torrianni, Judge Advocate

X Hal McNaughton, Finance Excused

X Mike Mailman, Sgt-at-Arms

X Cory Vigil, Service Officer

X Brad McDermott, Chaplain

X Johnny Arganda, Historian

E Kevin Van Otterloo, M.a.L.

X Mike Berdine, M.a.L.

X Nick Giordano, M.a.L.

X David Zamudio, M.a.L.

X Mike Schubert, M.a.L.

X Wayne Zippi, M.a.L.

QUORUM? YES

CLOSED SESSION WITH THE LEASE NEGOTIATING TEAM

GUESTS:

- Doug Nye – Past Commander
- Bob Wine – Member in good standing

**READING OF THE LETTER TO THE CITY

**MET WITH CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

Affiliates and Programs Reports:

AUX – Not Present

- Ppt Slide was presented on the screen

SAL Squadron 291 – Tim Sullivan - Commander

- Boat Parade Sales
- Dark in Dec for meetings / Christmas Party instead

ALYC – Stephan Alfano - Commodore

- Membership Report
- Discussed last month's events
- Discussed Upcoming events
- Uncontested Elections

Post 291 Honor Guard/Color Guard - 1st Vice Commander Fleming

- Updates on events (60 YTD) and membership 23 active
- 10 events pending for Nov in Orange County

Correspondence - None

Committee Reports

- House Committee for
 - Ontario Refrigeration Maintenance – Motion needed
 - 100 year update
 - Patio Canvas – Motion needed
 - Dock Repairs needed
 - Surveillance Camera repairs
 - Modular building Concepts for ADA parking lot bathroom
 - 8 open dry dock spaces coming
 - BBSI – Open vs closed cases
 - Proposal for gutters
 - Con-ex Box was removed
 - Request for Service Officer budget increase – Motion Needed
 - Looking for a Finance Officer replacement (just in case)
 - Jose was promoted to Bar Supervisor
 - Chef Toys purchases – Motion Needed
 - A/V system is complete / Training is upcoming
 - Concrete Staining / beautification quotes in progress
 - Veteran On-Line Video gaming coming up

Minutes Approval

- Aug, Sept, and Oct minutes are still pending till next month

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Commander Comments/Announcement

- Coffee talk – Cory Assisted in discussion
- Past and Upcoming Events
- Speaking to fiduciary responsibilities
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ADJUTANT – Nick Saifan

- No Report

1ST VICE COMMANDER – Brian Fleming Jr. – Membership

- Reviewed membership numbers
- Current membership is 4,288.
- 2,400 members have renewed for 2024 @ 57.4% of goal.
- 2024 membership goal is 4,175. Need 1775 more members.
- 1888 members from 2023 have not renewed.
- 16 New members this month.
- Request by Evin Planto for Brian Fleming Jr to create a Office Access Policy

2ND VICE COMMANDER – Ray Ricard

- No report – had to step away for Band issues

3RD VICE COMMANDER – Cindy Baker

- Boys/Girls state program update – 18 high schools to receive invitations from the Post
- Boy scout merit badge clinic
- OC AL Baseball schedule of games

JR. PAST COMMANDER – Jon Reynolds

- No Report

FINANCE OFFICER – Hal McNaughton

- Comprehensive financial update
- Budgets presented
- Working on reducing property taxes

HISTORIAN – Johnny Arganda

- No Report

SERGEANT AT ARMS – Mike Mailman

- Accident reports update
- OD book review / Updates needed
- Thanksgiving meals for families in need

CHAPLAIN – Brad McDermott

- No Report

SERVICE OFFICER – Cory Vigil

- VEAF update
- Donations updates
- Coffee talk promotional video

JUDGE ADVOCATE – Diane Torrianni

- No Report, not present

MEMBERS AT LARGE

- Kevin Van Otterloo - No Report / Not present
- Wayne Zippi – Comments on OD Duty draft of internal use
- Mike Schubert –
 - Drone training/soccer update
 - 100 yr committee meeting
- Mike Berdine –
 - WWII/Korea Luncheon update – 106 people in attendance
 - WWII/Korea buddy calls
- David Zamudio – No Report
- Nick Giordano – No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Aug, Sept, and Oct E-Board meeting minutes are still pending

NEW BUSINESS

- Motion for Wayne Zippi to be excused from OD Duty.- Passed
- Motion for the Tuff Shed Proposal not to exceed \$8000.00– Passed
- Motion for Chef Toys Proposal not to exceed \$19587.57 – Passed
- Motion for Canvas/Umbrella Covers not to exceed \$21,475.29 – Passed
- Motion for Ontario Refrigeration Maintenance Proposal not to exceed \$8,016 – Passed
- Motion for \$15,000 to the service officer account – Passed
- Motion to support the Trees for troops promotion for \$1,000 – Passed
- Motion to have a closed session at the end of the meeting - Passed

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- Acoustic Panel repairs
- Cindy Baker was nominated for Veteran Community Advocate Award by Cory
- Christmas meals were discussed
- E-Board and House Committee minutes to be sent in advance as previously decided
- Dec GMM will be on Dec 12th.

CLOSED SESSION:

SPEAKING ABOUT MEMBER’S BEHAVIOR
INCIDENT REPORT PROCESS DISCUSSION

Benediction by Brad McDermott

ADJOURNED: Approximately_2045_ hours.