

American Legion Post #49

Membership Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2015

Meeting Called to order @ 19:06 hours with quorum

Members Present: Mike Kinney, Rebecca Howell, Charles Aubrey, Steve Hamilton, Ben Newton, Bobby Haven, John Lammert, James Bartel, Allan Soullier, Jim Montgomery, Jed Fall,

Guests: John McCormick, Greg McCormick

Pledge of Alligence

Chaplin Prayer given by Charles Aubrey

This meeting began on the wrong foot having skipped a whole line of the pledge of allegiance.

Greg McCormick gave his power point presentation on the Valor Training Center. After which a framed letter of appreciation was presented to Rebecca Howell for all of her effort to help with some fundraising for their event. At this time our guests left the room and we continued with the regular meeting.

Rebecca Howell made motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting , Chuck Aubrey second, all in favor motion carried.

Chuck Aubrey gave the finance report. See attached finance record. Chuck made the statement that anyone wanting a copy of our finances or any information pertaining to that would they please contact Chuck and he will be happy to assist them.

Mike Kinney stated the bi-laws and said that from now on there is to be two signatures on every check that leaves the building.

There was discussion about the Herald subscription and madam adjutant stated that it had been approved and that she would call and set that up.

Mr. Fall made a motion that the finance report be approved subject to outside audit. James Bartel second, all in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Fall also stated that the account numbers should not be put on the finance report. Chuck Aubrey said that was the way it has been done for some time.

James Bartel asked if people at the post were bonded and Chuck explained that we were.

Mike Kinney stated that after speaking to the CPA he was upset that Chuck Aubrey is the only one that can see the books. Chuck said that anyone can see the books if asked.

Mr. Fall made a motion that the Adjutant as well as the Commander be allowed to have access to the finance information. Alan second, all in favor, motion carried.

Alan gave service officer report mainly focusing on the VA outreach event. He stated that it was a success and was looking forward to doing it again next year. He was, however, upset that no one went to the golf course for free burgers.

There was 1226\$ in cash raised for the uniform account.

There was a round of applause for Alan and all his work on this event.

Alan asked when the uniforms would be made available and the Commander stated that everyone has to be measured and he will let us know at the next meeting.

Old Business- Adjutant stated that she will sit down with Stan at his earliest convenience to start work on revising the bi-laws. She also stated that any input on how we can update the bi-laws would be appreciated and then there was discussion about how the bi laws can be changed and approved.

Alan asked that there be a 300\$ cap on the funds he is allowed to dispense and anything over that should be approved by the membership. Adjutant stated that it would be put in when the changes are made.

Mr. Bartel stated that he would like to see a list of all the officers and how to reach them. Adjutant stated that she would see that an updated list be posted but that no personal numbers will be listed unless the officer in question approves it.

Commander stated that he would like to see the regular members donate 250\$ to the family of the fireman that passed away and that there would be one check made out by each group to be added to a card of condolence to the widow and family.

Alan asked about the flag order and it was stated that it came in but that the measuring was wrong and the flags needed to be returned. The Commander stated that he would take care of that.

Chuck stated that he would put a rush order on the flags so we could get them in a timely fashion.

It was decided that Sunday breakfast would be over at the end of October.

Chuck Aubrey at this time gave an update on the lawsuit the club is involved in and stated that our insurance carrier would pay to defend the suit after assigning an attorney. He stated that they would agree to pay for everything in the suit with the exception of the monies Darcy was claiming she was owed for hours of volunteer work that she did for the club. Mr. Aubrey also stated that it looks like the club may have to pay out as much as 5000\$ but that this amount could be lower. After gathering information from all parties involved in the suit, the attorney will write up a report that will be given to the insurance company at which time they will make a final decision on going to court and fighting this or settling. This process may take a few months but Mr. Aubrey says that he will continue to keep us informed. Mr. Aubrey also stated that in the future this club should have some type of form that an employee could sign, stating that they are aware of what duties are voluntary and what duties are included in their job that they are being paid for.

At this time Commander Mike Kinney stated that he would like to put an end to who is actually the Chairman of the Board. He stated that after consulting with officers of various levels, mainly the district level, he believed Kevin Ferguson to be the acting Chairman. This opinion has also been based on the

fact that Mr. Ferguson was elected by the membership for this post and that now that his suspension was finished, he should be able to return to his duties. Chuck Aubrey at this time stated that he spoke to the same people and was lead to believe completely opposite to this. Barry Wood and Greg Wier are the people both gentleman are saying they spoke with.

At this point the meeting went completely downhill with members actually getting up and leaving and just being all around disrespectful to each other. This meeting was never officially adjourned and ended up being an arguing match. There is an audio recording of this meeting that will be made available to whom ever wishes to listen to it but the chaos is almost impossible to transcript. The meeting ended with people leaving the room in anger at about 20:43 hours.