

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: 14, June, 2016

Opening ceremonies

Chaplain's Prayer

Roll Call;

X Commander, Ben Newton

X 2nd Vice, Roger Bush

X Adjutant, Steve Hamilton

 Sgt-at-Arms, Joseph Yarewitz

X Reg. Mem. Rep., Jim Montgomery

X 1st Vice, Marc Till

X Treasurer, Steve Hamilton

X Historian, Tim Sanford

X Chaplain, Greg McCormack

Also present; Kevin Ferguson, Kameron Ferguson, Bub McKie, John Michael McCormack, Tip Bierhalter, Mike Hollis, Scott Colton, Clemuel Dobbins II, Special guests; Commander Stan Wakild, N.E.C., Rodney Tolbert

A quorum was made and the meeting was called to order at 7:11

Minutes from previous meeting were read, Motion by Rodney, 2nd, Greg, *approved*

Ben made clear that interruption of others will not be tolerated

Finance Report; \$8,100 currently. Checks that were approved in previous minutes were distributed @ S.A.L. convention, \$500 each went to Wilwin lodge and Children's Welfare, while \$1,000 went to Homeless Veterans Fund. Steve encouraged, "We are doing good things with the money we raise and let's keep doing the right thing." Motion (subject to audit), Rodney, 2nd, Kevin

Adjutant's Report; While in the Lansing area, Rodney took a group to Dept. Headquarters where we learned squadron 49 reached the 100% membership mark. Many of them are new members. Motion, Tim, 2nd Roger *approved*

Ben made a motion for swearing in new officers, 2nd, Steve *approved* the meeting was suspended @7:24 and Post Commander, Stan Wakild resided.

The new S.A.L. officers for the membership year 2016/2017 are;

Commander; Ben Newton

1st Vice; Marc Till

2nd Vice; Roger Bush

Finance; Greg McCormack

Adjutant; Steve Hamilton

Chaplain; John Michael McCormack

Sgt-at-Arms; Mile Hollis

Historian; Tim Sanford

Rodney made a motion that the meeting was resumed at 7:31

Old Business; Steve reminded us that we need to finish the shed project. Tim, Steve volunteered

New Business; *Kevin requested the S.A.L. assist in paying for 3 new cameras to be installed. It was decided S.A.L. and our Auxiliary split the costs of \$800. John McCormack offered 3 used cameras in his possession to offset the cost and it was decided S.A.L. pay expert technician Scott Garvison the labor to install. Rodney made the following motion; 1st see if the cameras are compatible and if so, the S.A.L. pay 1/3 labor cost. If they are not compatible, we donate 50% or \$400, whichever is less for the new cameras. 2nd Roger, *approved*

*Kevin asked for the support of the S.A.L. for his bid for Chairman of the Board for another year. Steve pointed out there was another Board member who has interest in that position. Steve

told Kevin that he respects his service to our country and likes him personally however; he also reminded the S.A.L. board that in the past year Kevin physically assaulted another member and that the bar has been chaotic and ran unprofessionally. Charles Aubrey has expressed interest in that position and Steve would prefer to cast our 1 vote for him.

Bub expressed his opposition to Steve being the Chairman of the Board although Steve never requested that position.

Tim stated he disagreed with the way the former bar manager was fired. He felt there were many other avenues in which Post 49 could have handled it including demotion and counseling. He felt she was 'railroaded and attacked' in a personal agenda to gain her job.

Stan corrected Bub on how the board works. He then corrected Tim stating in his opinion, Angie should have been terminated a year ago.

Kevin feels the board is NOT set up properly as Steve and Jed Fall are both board members. He claims he has what he called 'hard facts' on Terry and wants to see what this board does and if they 'go after Terry like they did Angie'.

Bub pointed out that Stan 'just came on board' and isn't informed regarding the incidents regarding Angie but Stan reminded everyone that he was Judge Advocate at that time and had every right to voice his opinion which was 'she should have been terminated a year ago'.

Jim disagreed with Bub regarding his comments 'just S.A.L.' as this post would be in trouble without the help of the S.A.L.. He also told Steve that perhaps he should not vote on matters regarding Terry. Steve answered that on any matters of discipline, promotion or raises, he would abstain from voting and that Mr. Fall would vote 'no' if Terry's name was brought up for the bar manager's job.

Stan pointed out Robert's Rules of Order and in a conflict of interest, it is suggested one abstain from voting but it is not required.

Mr. Dobbins pointed out that there was no talk of correction in the discussion.

Tip told the group that we are not in the rehabilitation business.

Rodney called Commander Ben to return to the point of order.

A silent vote was taken and counted by Stan and Reg. Mem. Rep. Jim. The S.A.L. board decided, by majority, to cast our 1 vote for Kevin. Steve will honor the S.A.L.'s decision and cast our 1 vote for Kevin.

*Steve made a motion that as of 2017 and from this day forward, for his years of service, dedication, and loyalty to Post 49, we consider Ben Newton Paid-up-for-Life. This means squadron 49 pay his dues from now on. 2nd Rodney *all approved*

Good for the Sons; Commander Wakild thanked the S.A.L. and stated "I am very impressed with all of your efforts".

Kevin wanted to correct the way the parade was organized saying the S.A.L. commander should be toward the front of the parade. Ben pointed out the truck he rode in was at the rear to prevent those in the parade from breathing diesel fuel.

Closing Ceremonies;

Meeting adjourned; 8:16