



Post 716 Membership Meeting

December 14, 2023
7:17 PM
Post 716, Los Alamitos
3252 Florista St.
Los Alamitos, CA. 90720-2306

Meeting called by: Commander

Type of meeting:
Regular

Time: 7:17

Minutes

ROLL CALL

ADJUTANT

Quorum-yes X / no

COMMANDER – JAMES EUBANKS (X)

E-BOARD MEMBER – ART ODOM (X)

1ST VICE COMMANDER – CHERYL EUBANKS (X)

E-BOARD: RICK MOLINA (X) BRYAN BELL (X)

2ND VICE COMMANDER- FRED TORRES (AE)

J.A.G.– VACANT ()

ADJUTANT – ROGER HAAG (X)

SERVICE OFFICER – ROGER HAAG (X)

FINANCE OFFICER – RICK HAMLIN (AE)

VETERANS OUTREACH-DEAN GNESS (A)

CHAPLIN – KEITH ELLIOTT (X)

CAMPUS OUTREACH-RICK MOLINA (X)

SARGENT AT ARMS – TONY MARTIN (X)

AMERICANISM – CHERYL EUBANKS (X)

ASST. SARGENT AT ARMS – VACANT

HOUSE CHAIRMAN – VACANT

HISTORIAN – VACANT

SONS LIAISON – RICK HAMLIN (AE)

JR PAST COMMANDER- ERNIE RODRIGUEZ (AE)

RIDERS LIAISON- ART ODOM (X)

TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN – JOSHUA HAGER

NOVEMBER MINUTES:

Unanimous Consent. Minutes are filed.

GUESTS: Chris Padilla, 29th District Executive Committee member. Becky Kohl,
BrightstarCare

Meeting suspended to permit Ms. Kohl to make a presentation to the membership. Adjourned.

Commander called for Reports:

Commander's Comments

Need to curtail profanity at the Post.

Received a complaint that a profane song is being played on the jukebox. Will look to have the song restricted. May have to initiate parental controls on the jukebox.



Will speak to a member of another Post who appears to purposely plays an offensive.

1st Vice- Cheryl Eubanks

Membership percentage is at 71%. We have additional members to post on the website.

2nd Vice-Fred Torres

Provided a report for Hall Rentals for December 2023.

12/16 - Hall Rental
12/17 Football Sunday
tomorrow night beef dip night
12/19 Taco Tuesday
12/20 Band - Boilermakers
12/22 Hall Rental
12/31 New Year's Party

12/19 last taco tuesday for December.

Last Friday of January (1/20) will be an Eagle Scout Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Coast Guard PoC was followed up and they could not do their event at the Post because their unit got redeployed.

Finance-Rick Hamlin

Report made by Bryan Bell:

General Balance - Estimated \$43,000

Interest earned was approximately \$100.00

P&L Statement for October is being corrected by the CPA.

The Finance Officer recommends that we review the finances to look at expenditures.

Commander addresses the recent expenditures issues and requests that the discussion take place with the EBoard.

Chaplain-Keith Elliott

No Report.



E-Board- Rick Molina/Art Odom/Bryan Bell

Recognized Bryan Bell for bringing in new chairs. Commander has order 50 locking wheels for the new chairs. No other reports.

House Chairman - Bryan Bell

Obtained chairs. Ice Machine.
Items donated by DeVry because they are going online.
Donated items were an ice machine, fridge and freezer, and other items.
Donated 180 chairs to Buena Park Post. Other items will also be donated.
Commander obtained new faucet for kitchen.

Sgt at Arms- Tony Martin

No Report.

JAG- VACANT

No Report.

Service Officer-Roger Haag

Assisted Ron McEver. Requested he join the Post.

Sons Liaison

Last night was the Christmas Party which was a success. Brought in a new son, Barney Felix. Tomorrow night the SAL will be at the base for their Santa event.

Riders Liaison- Art Odom

Great turnout for Toys for Tots
Families were provided donations.
Santa Escort tomorrow to JFTB.
This weekend riders event.

Technology Chairman-Joshua Hager

Report made by Commander: Duplicity expired. The model was updated. Two year subscription and the new model has more features. Will consult with TC.

Historian-VACANT

No report.



Americanism Chairman-Cheryl Eubanks

Nothing to Report.

Campus Outreach-Rick Molina

30 people were recruited and their names/emails were provided to the Technology Chair to be added to the email list. These individuals are veterans from event at Cypress College. We will follow up with these individuals.

Veterans Outreach-Dean Gness

No Report.

Past Commander- Ernie Rodriguez

No Report.

Old Business

We are addressing the donated car issue. Commander may go to Post 295 to find the owner of the vehicle to ask her to dispose the car.

The glass washer in the bar will require its own circuit. Commander will work on this electrical project.

City of Los Alamitos has begun the use of the Hall. Commander is addressing parking lot issues.

We are receiving \$2,300 a month from the City of Los Alamitos for the use of the Hall. It is a 5-month contract. No further meetings for December 2023. We do not serve them alcohol and they bring their own food and drink for their events.

New Business

Rick Molina attempts to make a motion to appoint a Finance Committee. Commander states that the motion is out of order. Mr. Molina referred to the section of the bylaws re: Finance Committee and requested a reason for why Commander will not appoint a Finance Committee.

Commander states that there is no need to appoint a Finance Committee based upon the history of prior Commanders. Brief discussion between Commander and Mr. Molina occurs. Commander ejected Rick Molina from the meeting. Mr. Molina briefly left and was permitted to return.

Commander states that the Eboard as a whole can review the Post finances.



Bryan Bell speaks on an analysis of expenditures from September bank statements. Commander addressed some of the expenditures: taxes and fees due this year that weren't due last year; utilities were higher than usual in the past few months; Commander states that items and services related to Post maintenance and security can be purchased by the Commander without approval.

Commander has responsibility and authority over the day-to-day operations of the Post.

Commander states that his conduct has been in line with the conduct of prior Commanders. Mr. Bell stated that he is not making accusations of improper conduct.

Barney Felix speaks and has concerns about the transparency of the finances.

Commander responds that he notified the membership that he would purchase security cameras. Commander insists that nothing underhanded is occurring.

Good of the Legion

New Members

Voted in/Sworn in and presented with their cards:

Tim Planer - Served 6 years in the Coast Guard
Bob Smith - Served in the Army

5th Area is having a raffle for an item the tickets are \$10 a piece and the District will received \$5.

Steve Kemp requests that Jim Smith drapes the charter. Mr. Smith was a member of the Post. Commander requests Mr. Kemp provide the information to the Chaplin.

National Commanders visit is this week. The Commander has been invited to the dinner next Thursday at the Palos Verdes American Legion post.

1st Vice: Monthly Drawing #241 Name: Michael Reed Not Present

The amount of the pot in next month's drawing will be: \$440.00

Adjourned at
8:13 p.m.