

PEC Meeting Minutes – March 2026 (Corrected Copy)

Meeting Title: PEC Meeting

Date: March 16, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Apex Masonic Lodge with phone participation

Recorder: Copilot (from transcript)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:00 PM** by **Dennis Schmidt**.

2. Roll Call

Conducted by **Jim O'Malley**.

Present:

- Dennis Schmidt – Commander
- Jim O'Malley – Adjutant
- Tim Muhs – Finance Officer
- Barry Bloch – Judge Advocate
- Lashonda Harris - Chaplain
- Carl Helton -Seargent at Arms
- Jim Speidel – Seargent at Arms
- Mark Schwegel – Oktoberfest
- Mike D'Aurelio - Americanism
- Additional members as noted in discussion

Excused / Absent:

- Second Vice – Excused
- Service Officer – Excused
- Historian – Excused
- Past Commander – Excused

✔ Quorum confirmed

3. Special Guest Presentation – Red Robin Fundraiser

Presenter: Sarah Horton, Red Robin (Beaver Creek)

Proposal Overview

- Red Robin proposed a **fundraising partnership** with the Post.
- Fundraisers generate **20% of tagged sales** for the Post.
- Events can be held **multiple times per year**, typically **Monday–Thursday**, with possible Saturday exceptions.
- Red Robin provides:
 - QR-code signup
 - Flyers
 - Promotion via to-go bags
- Veterans Day includes **free burgers for veterans** (275 burgers served last year at this location).

Discussion Highlights

- Interest expressed in:
 - Monthly recurring fundraisers
 - Using flyers at golf outing, Memorial Day, and other Post events
- Suggestion made to **pilot one fundraiser first** before committing long-term.
- Preference expressed for **Thursday events** due to meeting schedules.

Motion

Motion: Proceed with a **pilot fundraiser tied to Memorial Day** and form a small working group to coordinate with Red Robin.

- **Moved by:** Jim O'Malley
- **Seconded by:** Tim Muhs
- **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously

Action Items:

- Barry Bloch to serve as liaison (Community Outreach)
- Coordinate with David Royal for website promotion

- Obtain flyers in time for April 6 golf outing
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4. Finance Report

Presenter: Tim Muhs

- Checking account balance: ~**\$28,000**
 - Golf outing expenses are currently below income
 - No major concerns reported
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5. Membership Report

- Current membership: **161**
- Goal: **186 members**
- Follow-up calls and emails ongoing
- Some members will roll off automatically due to status changes

Action Item:

- Continue outreach and set a clearer internal deadline for renewals
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6. New Business

April Meeting Speaker

- Erin Pare (Holly Springs representative) suggested
 - Barry Bloch to follow up
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7. Oktoberfest Planning

Presenter: Mark Schwegel

- Date confirmed: **Second Saturday of October (October 10)**

- Budget: **\$30,000**
- Exploring band options (German-style music preferred)
- Prior year format to be reused
- Monthly planning meetings to resume

Action Items:

- Tim Muhs to share last year's expense breakdown
 - Dennis Schmidt to provide Sandra's contact information
 - Mark Schwegel to coordinate band selection
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8. Patriot Day (25th Anniversary)

- Security concerns raised due to anniversary significance
 - Suggestion to consult Apex Police Chief
 - Barry Bloch to coordinate discussion via Parks & Recreation liaison
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9. Color Guard Update

Presenter: Jim O'Malley

- Upcoming gala at **Prestonwood Country Club**
 - Participants: Brandon, David Royal, Lashonda Harris, Dennis Schmidt
 - Equipment stored in trailer
 - Lashonda Harris to lead if Jim O'Malley is unavailable
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10. Golf Tournament Update

Presenter: Carl Helton

- Currently **7 teams registered** (goal: 20)
- Entry fee: **\$500 per team**
- Sponsorship outreach ongoing
- Volunteers needed for:
 - Check-in
 - Square readers

- Silent auction

Action Items:

- Dennis Schmidt to confirm sponsorship status with Eddie
 - Members encouraged to recruit teams and sponsors
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11. Additional Reports

- **Cambridge Village Outreach:** Successful visit; veterans receptive to continued engagement
 - **Website & Communications:** Photos should be emailed (not texted) for better resolution
 - **Boys State / Girls State:** Girls State slot still open
 - **Veteran Welfare:** Follow-up planned for member with serious illness
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12. Open Floor / Good of the Post

- Informal discussion and announcements
 - Reminder of upcoming events and coordination needs
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13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned after completion of all agenda items.