



Post 716 Membership Meeting

September 14, 2023
7:03 PM
Post 716, Los Alamitos
3252 Florista St.
Los Alamitos, CA. 90720-2306

Meeting called by: Commander

Type of meeting:
Membership

Time: 7:03

Minutes

ROLL CALL

ADJUTANT

Quorum-yes X / no

COMMANDER – JAMES EUBANKS (X)	E-BOARD MEMBER – ART ODOM (X)
1 ST VICE COMMANDER – CHERYL EUBANKS (X)	RICK MOLINA (X) VACANT ()
2 ND VICE COMMANDER- FRED TORRES (X)	J.A.G.– VACANT ()
ADJUTANT – ROGER HAAG (X)	SERVICE OFFICER – ROGER HAAG (X)
FINANCE OFFICER – RICK HAMLIN (AE)	VETERANS OUTREACH-DEAN GNESS (X)
CHAPLIN – KEITH ELLIOTT (X)	CAMPUS OUTREACH-RICK MOLINA (X)
SARGENT AT ARMS – TONY MARTINEZ (X)	AMERICANISM – CHERYL EUBANKS (X)
ASST. SARGENT AT ARMS – VACANT ()	HOUSE CHAIRMAN – VACANT
HISTORIAN – JOSHUA HAGER (A)	SONS LIAISON – RICK HAMLIN (AE)
JR PAST COMMANDER- ERNIE RODRIGUEZ (X)	RIDERS LIAISON- ART ODOM (X)
TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN – BRYAN BELL (X)	LEISURE WORLD LIAISON – MIKE DEPEW (A)

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes was made by unanimous consent.

GUESTS: Joana Garcia (1st Vice for Auxillary Unit), Mary Rodriguez (Bar Manager, Past Auxiliary President)

Commander called for Reports:

Commander - Jim Eubanks

Commander is working on delivering donations to victim of Maui fire.

Barney Felix resigned from E-Board and House Chairman. Commander nominates Bryan Bell to fill the recently vacated position as Executive Committee Member. Nominations for this position are open and made be made at the next General Meeting.



Disbursed House Rules of the Post to the membership.

In discussions with the City of Los Alamitos about using the Post for events. Negotiations on details are in process. Anticipate a vote about the city's use of our Post at the October general meeting.

1st Vice- Cheryl Eubanks

2 transfers Victor Torres (not present); John Devore. New Members: Joseph Baxter (Marines); Roger Roule (Army); Anna Farley (Army); James Gad (Marines); Tom Feishelman (Air Force); Renee Sandavol (Air Force). Joseph Baxter is the only person present. Vote was taken. Motion: Art Odom, Seconded by Barney Felix; Vote to Accept Mr. Baxter was Unanimous.

2nd Vice-Fred Torres

Hall Rentals for September 2023: September/October are slow.

Taco Tuesdays: 18th, 25th. Steak Night: 9/29th A Band will play on 9/20.

Finance-Rick Hamlin

Combined balance at close of business on 31AUG23 was \$67,450 which is a little changed (-0.79%) from last month. Our cash handling fee from the Business Checking account was \$30. Interest earned in August from High-Yield Savings Account was just over \$100. Moved to file the report.

Chaplain-Keith Elliott

No sick or lame to report. Best wishes for Barney's Mom

E-Board- Rick Molina/Art Odom

No Report.

House Chairman - VACANT

No Report.

Sgt at Arms- Tony Martin

No Report.



JAG- VACANT

No Report.

Service Officer-Roger Haag

Spoke with Heidi who found contact info on Post website. Father is a veteran and needed assistance re: VA skilled nursing. I referred her to VSOs at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall

Sons Liaison

Tom P. (Newly Elected 1st Vice for Sons). A report was made about the historical and current status of the obtaining and shipping of donations to Maui. Expressed thanks to the Post for the donations.

Rick Molina has a contact at a non-profit in Maui re: assistance with shipment of donations. Will coordinate with Tom P.

Riders Liaison- Art Odom

October 14, 2023 Costume Party. Riders from Southern Region is going to Veterans Home in Barstow on the October 15, 2023. Toys for Tots fundraiser in December. Wreaths Across America at Downey Cemetery information was provided. Encouraged Post participation.

Technology Chairman-Bryan Bell

1,510 visitors to the website. Online membership inquiry for all Post families. Bylaws and rules were also posted.

Historian-Joshua Hager

No report.

Americanism Chairman-Cheryl Eubanks

Nothing to Report.

Campus Outreach-Rick Molina

Nothing to Report.

Veterans Outreach-Dean Gness



4 boxes were taken by accident and donated to U.S. Vets. Those donations will be returned.

Leisure World Liaison-Mike Depew:

No Report.

Past Commander- Ernie Rodriguez

No Report.

Auxiliary Liaison - Mary Rodriguez

Thanks to everyone for support with Taco Tuesday.

New member Teresa S. works at Cypress College Veterans Resource Center. Has provided information to the Auxiliary. Extended invitation to attend a Veterans Fair in November. Would like to partner with the Post to encourage new members to sign up with the Post.

Collecting school supplies. Veterans Panty, encourage donations. Please bring donations of canned food to the bar.

Old Business

Glass Washer installation status. Commander is obtaining plumbing services.

New Business

We need a plaque for the time capsule by the Post flagpole Estimated cost is approximately \$200.

Discussion was held. Motion was made to Purchase Capsule Plaque. (1st - Art Odom) (2nd - Cheryly Eubanks). Vote Passed.

Coyote Moon (5-piece band) is tentatively scheduled to perform on New Years 2024. The estimate of the cost is \$1,200. Also propose a New Year's Eve dinner (before 9:00 p.m.)

Motion to allocate funds in the amount of \$1,200 for this band was made. (1st - Jorge Chaves 2nd- Cheryl Eubanks). Discussion was held. Vote was taken, Motion carried and passed.

Discussion of non-members at events entering the Post Bar. Commander will discuss procedure with bar staff and family leadership.

Ice machine was leaking and Post was cited by the Health Department. Past Commander Ernie Rodriguez will evaluate the status of the ice machine to determine whether it is



feasible to repair. Mr. Piper provided information about obtaining a machine. Mr. Rodriguez suggested leasing the machine. Commander will work with Mr. Rodriguez on this issue.

Commander discussed the status of the air conditioning in the Hall.

Commander provided notice of an election/nomination to be held at the next General Meeting (October) for Executive Committee Member. Bryan Bell is appointed interim Executive Committee Member.

Commander discussed the difficulty of transporting the donations to the Maui fire victims. Suggested storing the items for two months and if we cannot transport the items, we will need to revisit what to do with the donations, including disbursing it locally.

Working party to place donations on pallets this upcoming Saturday, Mr. Bell will obtain pallets.

Wreaths Across America: Art Odom made a motion for donation from the Post to purchase wreaths. Tabled until October Meeting.

Rick Molina attended a wedding in Tomahawk, WI. Went to the local American Legion Post and procured license plates. Mr. Molina sent our Post plates to the Tomahawk, WI Post. Our plate is their first plate in their Post.

Ernie Rodriguez made a motion to Donate \$300 to Service Animals for Veterans project lead by Jr. Auxiliary President. (1st - Dean Gness, 2nd- Art Odom) Discussion Held.

Rick Molina made an amendment to the motion to raise the donation to \$500. (Barney Felix 2nd the Amendment) Motion was not opposed, Motion to Amend carried.

Motion to donate \$500 was voted. No opposition to the motion. Motion Carried.

Bar Manager Report - Mary Rodriguez

Not a large turn-out for football and burritos on Sunday. Encouraged Post participation.

Good of the Legion

Citation for meritorious service was presented to Ernie Rodriguez, Past Commander for his years of dedicated service to the Post and to the Legion.

Ms. Garcia informed us about Cornhole Tournament, October 8th; starts at 12:00 p.m. Fundraiser for Jr. Auxiliary President's state-wide project in support of veterans. \$50 per team. Prizes for 1st-4th places.

Need volunteers to assist with French Dip dinner tomorrow.



1st Vice: Monthly Drawing #3 Name: Thomas Almanaz

Not Present

The amount of the pot in next month's drawing will be: \$425.00

Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.