



Post 716 Membership Meeting

May 14, 2024
7:09PM
Post 716, Los Alamitos
3252 Florista St.
Los Alamitos, CA. 90720-2306

Meeting called by: Commander

Type of meeting:
Regular

Time: 7:09

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 (X)

J.A.G.– VACANT

ADJUTANT –ROGER HAAG (X)

SERVICE OFFICER – ROGER HAAG (X)

FINANCE OFFICER – RICK HAMLIN (X)

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 – BRYAN BELL (X)

HISTORIAN – VACANT

SONS LIAISON – RICK HAMLIN (X)

JR PAST COMMANDER- ERNIE RODRIGUEZ (X)

RIDERS LIAISON- ART ODOM (X)

TECHNOLOGY CHAIRMAN – JOSHUA HAGER (X)

DECEMBER MINUTES:

Minutes were distributed. No objection. Moved to file.

GUESTS: Stye Turk, Sean Kim, Siren Kenward, Hanan Shervakall, Tom Perillo (2nd Vice of Sons)

Mary Rodriguez- Past Auxiliary President, Son's President Steve Working/Wife Cheryl Working

Commander's Comments

Senior Prom Night earlier this month was a success

Requested the City of Los Al provide a waiver from the building inspector on the ADA compliance of the bathroom..



1st Vice- Cheryl Eubanks

Membership is at 101%

2nd Vice-Fred Torres

2nd Vice provided summary of the calendar for May 2024.

5/10	Italian Dinner Night
5/11	Riders Meeting / Los Al Youth Baseball Poker Tournament Fundraiser
5/12	Mother's Day Breakfast
5/13	Auxiliary Meeting
5/15	Pool League
5/17	Beef Dip
5/18	Hall Rental
5/19	Jr. Auxiliary Meeting
5/24	Steak Night
5/25	Hall Rental
5/26	Band Night
5/27	Memorial Day BBQ

Requests volunteers for Mother's Day Brunch.

Finance-Rick Hamlin (Commander Provided Report)

\$45,871 as of April 30, 2024 down 7/10 of 1% from prior month.

Chaplain-Keith Elliott

No Reports.

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

No Reports.

House Chairman - Bryan Bell

New ice machine was installed.

Working with City of Los Al to obtain a beautification grant. Will follow up with a donor who wishes to contribute to the Post distribution project.



Sgt at Arms- Tony Martin

No Reports.

JAG- VACANT

Service Officer-Roger Haag

No Report.

Sons Liaison (Steve Working- Commander)

Poker tournament benefiting Los Al Youth Baseball League this Saturday
Steak night last Friday of this month.
Loaded Baked Potato night will be first Friday of month beginning next month.

Riders Liaison- (Keith Elliot Provided Report)

California Lacy Run, approximately 700 mile run. Raised about \$15,000 and will deliver check in New Orleans.

Honey Baked Ham drawing is Saturday. Tickets in the bar.

Technology Chairman-Joshua Hager

No Report.

Historian-VACANT

No report.

Americanism Chairman-Cheryl Eubanks

Introduced 2023 Boys State participants and they provided brief remarks about their Boys State experiences.



Campus Outreach-Rick Molina

Has been reaching out to campuses and there is little activity occurring because of finals. Will follow up after finals.

Veterans Outreach-Dean Gness

No Report.

Past Commander- Ernie Rodriguez

No Report

Bar Manager (Mary Hernandez)

Still looking for help to staff the bar.

VA is now open for veterans organizations to visit patients. Will get additional details about how visits should be conducted.

Memorial Day service at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Auxiliary, Jr, and Riders will attend and a Memorial Day BBQ will be held afterwards from 2-5pm

Old Business

Discussion about the status of repairing the oven.

Car in parking lot has been removed. Received \$325 for the car.

Donation of chairs will be made shortly.

New Business

Rick Molina is an umpire and will start umpiring American Legion Baseball league. Season begins next week.

Good of the Legion

Steve Kemp received an award for being a member of the AL for 42 years



Ernie Rodriguez received an award for being a member of the AL for 30 years
Art Odom received an award for being a member of the AL for 21 years
Cheryl received an award for being a member of the AL for 15 years
Fred received an award for being a member of the AL for 15
Keith received an award for being a member of the AL for 15
Tony received an award for being a member of the AL for 15
Rick Hamlin received an award for being a member of the AL for 13

City of Los Alamitos would like Post 716 to participate in a Memorial Day event at City Hall. Requests volunteers to contact Commander if interested in participating, next week.

Military Reconnect Project. Requests help for event on June 1, 2024.

VSO Office at LB VA has reopened. Chris Padilla is the American Legion VSO Representative at the VA.

Steve Kemp provided brief comments about the history of the Post, admiration for the Post and the Legion in general, and support for the Wall of Heroes.

McAullife and Oak will have their awards ceremony at 5:00 p.m. on May 25, 2024. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Commander.

American Legion National and Department are raising their dues, \$5 and at least \$3, respectively. The E-board met and proposed a \$10 increase. The Post has not

**Motion to raise dues by \$10 to \$55 (Motion made by Steve Kemp / Rick Molina 2nd).
Motion carried and passed.**

Department Convention is next month. (Begins on June 27th) Discussion about reimbursement of costs and if anyone is interested in being a delegate, please let Commander know within the next 3 days.

Motion to provide delegates with a total of \$2,000 maximum reimbursement . (Motion made by Rick Hamlin / Second by Fred Torres). Motion carried, motion passed.

Officers will be listed as delegates for Post 716 to the Department Convention.

Jr. Past Commander had the opportunity to go to the Son's elections. Steve Working was elected Commander. Provided brief comments about who was elected and how the election was conducted.



ELECTIONS

Adjutant will cast single vote for all uncontested elections.

Nominations for Commander:

Bryan Bell Nominated by Jim Eubanks as Commander and was accepted. Uncontested

VOTE COUNT: 1

Nominations for 1st Vice Commander:

Fred Torres nominates Rick Molina and was accepted. Uncontested

VOTE COUNT: 1

Nominations for 2nd Vice Commander:

Rick Molina nominates George Szuh and was accepted. Uncontested

VOTE COUNT:1

Nominations for Executive Committee (3 Positions Are Open):

John Hamling nominates Ernie Rodriguez and it was accepted.
George Szuh nominates Arnold San Miguel and it was accepted.
Rick Molina nominates Barney Felix and it was accepted.
Rick Molina nominates Bill Sestito and it was accepted.

CONTESTED ELECTION. Ballots were handed out to the members present. Confirmation of the members' membership was conducted. Votes were counted by Roger Haag and Tony Martin. The following 3 individuals received the most votes:

Arnold San Miguel
Barney Felix
Bill Sestito

Commander directs the Adjutant to record the elected officer in the CPO database.



Newly elected officers will take their positions on July 1, 2024. They are required to set up the installation.

1st Vice: Monthly Drawing #51 Name: Dale Cooper Not Present

The amount of the pot in next month's drawing will be: \$370.00

Adjourned at
8:33 p.m.