



S. A. L. Minutes of Executive Committee

On January 6, 2016, an Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 was held at 1730hrs in the Post 347 Conference Room.

The meeting was properly called to order with a prayer (given by Chaplain Jack Dirga), a moment of silence for our fallen comrades & missing Veterans, saluting the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were Butch Stroud, Gary Blanchard, Gary Bishop, Jack Dirga, Deano Mosingo, Charlie McGlone, Bill Preston (arrived late) & Richard Duncan. Legion Liaison Len Biederman was also present.

Old Business – Gary Blanchard requested a check for the Habitat for Humanity Veterans Village for \$2000 from funds that were raised in the past while Richard Duncan was commander last fiscal year. Gary will present the check to Habitat at this evening’s Auxiliary meeting. There was then discussion led by Duncan on freeing up money that had been set aside for the Coalition’s purposes. Richard Duncan made a motion to free up this money. Motion seconded by Bill Preston. Motion passed 7-1 with Gary Bishop opposed.

New Business – Bill Gray (scholarships committee) led a discussion on increasing the amount of money allocated to the scholarships program to \$6000 for each high school for the 2016 fiscal year. Len Biederman suggested there be a coordinated effort between the SAL and the Legion in the scholarships program. Len Biederman would like to see a coordinated effort between the SAL and the Legion for the purpose of researching the amount that the SAL will allocate to the scholarship program and to which high schools the monies will be allocated toward. At this time, the executive committee is unsure of the total amount of funds that will be available to allocate to the scholarship program. Currently, our year to date net income is approximately \$20,000.

Butch Stroud announced that there is a change of the entertainer for the Valentine’s Dance. Mike Hicks (coordinator for Valentine’s Dance) contacted Petrina who told him she did not have our Valentine’s Dance on her calendar and she is already booked for another organization. Mike

reminded her of the discussion after the 2015 Valentine's Dance where she was informed that we wanted her to return for the 2016 Valentine's Dance. Petrina said we did not sign a contract with her. In the past we have always had a verbal contract with Petrina. Johnny McCullagh has been booked as the replacement entertainer. Richard Duncan suggested that we might want to develop a contract for entertainers so this does not become a problem in the future.

Butch Stroud announced that the House Committee wants us to develop a dinner menu, cook and serve food every Sunday throughout the year. Butch informed the committee that we don't have enough volunteers or enough clientele after the NFL regular season to make this effort worthwhile.

Bill Preston announced that he has five people signed up in the Americanism program, but none of these people have stepped up to take the required test for the Patriotism portion.

Butch announced that Doug White and Joe Francis have made contact with the webmaster (Murphy) to update the website.

The meeting was properly closed with prayer and a salute to the flag at 1810 hrs.

**Yours in God and Country
Timothy Standfest, Adjutant**