



## **S. A. L. Minutes of Executive Committee**

**On March 2, 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, Tim Standfest, Charlie McGlone, George Worton & Richard Duncan. Legion Liaison Len Biederman, and members Mike Hicks & Bill Gray were also present.**

**Old Business – Butch brought up for further discussion the subject of how much money to pay Johnny McCullaugh for stepping in as the entertainer for last month’s Valentine’s Dance. Duncan brought up that Johnny had cancelled another gig, that Patrina was to be paid \$400, and that Johnny had given the SAL 347 a discount on his regular fees. Mike Hicks said Johnny was paid \$400 and was satisfied. Butch said Johnny received \$375 for the Halloween Dance in October 2015. Jack Dirga made a motion to leave everything as it is since Johnny was satisfied with the \$400.**

**Seconded by Bishop. Motion carried.**

**Bill Gray brought up the discussion of adding another \$2000 to the scholarship fund, no longer awarding a scholarship to the Leesburg High School students, and taking the money that would’ve been used at the Leesburg High School and awarding that money to student-recipients at the Belleview High School. The discussion brought up facts such as Belleview HS is a “Cambridge A School” (Bill was not sure what this exactly means), there have been changes with the counselor staff at the Leesburg HS (not a positive change), and the fact that we have never received a thank you from the Leesburg HS or any of the scholarship awardees. Bill recommended adding another \$2000 to the scholarship fund, leaving the Leesburg HS and supporting the Belleview HS with our scholarship money. Specifically, Bill proposed to award one \$2000 scholarship, and two \$1000 scholarships to the Weirsdale HS and to the Belleview HS. Per Bill Spriet, the discussion further showed that per our financial statements, we currently have \$3000**

more than we did last year at this time. And, if we add \$2000 to the scholarship fund, we would be taking \$2000 from another recipient of our benevolence. Charlie added that if we have more profit, we aren't taking the money away from another charity we support. Duncan made a motion to no longer support Leesburg HS and instead to support the Belleview HS with our scholarships. Seconded by Jack Dirga. Motion carried. Since we currently have \$6000 earmarked for scholarships, and we won't know until the end of May how much money we will have at the end of our fiscal year, it was decided that we will wait until closer to the end of May 2016 whether or not we will put another \$2000 into our scholarship fund.

**New Business –** There was discussion about donating \$2005 to the Special Olympics prior to May 2016 for the funds to be recognized by the Special Olympics this year. Duncan made a motion to give \$2005 to the Special Olympics prior to May 2016. Seconded by Preston. Motion carried.

Butch announced that any nominations for next years officers are to go to the nominating committee consisting of Bill Gray, Charlie McGlone and Steve Peterson.

There was discussion on the subject of the commander appointing assistants to all permanent officer positions who can function as the officer including voting power in the absence of the permanent officer. Bill Preston suggested that this will also be a good training tool for members who want to get more involved. No keys will be issued to the assistant officers. Bill Preston made a motion to make this a standing rule effective 7-1-2016. Seconded by Jack Dirga. Motion carried.

George Worton asked that the squadron support Bill Preston for the office of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander of District 6. Seconded by Gary Bishop. Motion carried.

The meeting was properly closed with prayer and a salute to the flag at 1815 hrs.

Yours in God and Country  
Timothy Standfest, Adjutant