



S. A. L. Minutes

On September 2, 2015, an Executive Board 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, a moment of silence for our fallen comrades & missing Veterans, saluting the flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance were Richard Duncan, Bill Spriet, Butch Stroud, Tim Standfest, Gary Blanchard, Len Biederman, Gary Bishop & Charlie McGlone.

New Business – Finance Officer Bill Spriet presented copies of a preliminary budget that reflects an increase of 5% in income & selected expenses, and keeping the donations the same as last year. Bill requested any suggestions & proposed changes to this preliminary budget. This led to discussion on demanding invoices from donation recipients who are not 501c3's so we know how the money we donate is being spent. This led to discussion on the Urn Project and Richard Duncan inviting a representative from the Urn Project to come to our next general membership meeting to show us how the money is being spent, the size of the urns, if the urns can fit inside a crypt, who the urns are being given to, etc.

Gary Bishop updated the Executive Committee on his research on the cost of and cost control measures of the pizzas our squadron makes. These recommendations are based on Brian's presentation to some of the pizza makers in the kitchen. The previously discussed price increases have gone into effect.

Gary Blanchard gave an update on the new Harvest Dance that our squadron will be having at the post. He will be selling tickets to this dance in the lobby on Tuesday. There will be eight people to a table. Four tables are sold at this time.

There will also be eight people to a table for the Halloween Dance.

Regarding new member orientations, Gary Blanchard will continue briefing new members at our general membership meetings on protocol, hats, shirts, squadron expectations, giving out new member packets, etc. Gary Blanchard is writing an outline to be followed for each new member orientation so the orientation is done the same no matter who presents the

orientation to the new members.

Richard Duncan updated the committee on the parking of cars at the Shop Local Expo event the St Timothy's church. Our squadron has been given permission to set up a tent to recruit new members at the expo. The event will be on Wednesday September 30th from 10am to 2pm. He needs volunteers at the event at 9am. The St Timothy's event coordinator is attempting to get another organization to assist in directing cars in the parking lot. At this time, we are the only organization doing this. Currently we have 5 volunteers directing cars and 2 volunteers working the membership recruitment tent.

Commander Stroud asked if we should be providing donuts at the district meeting to be held at our post on September 19th. Richard Duncan made a motion to provide the donuts, seconded by Standfest. Motion carried.

Butch volunteered to pick up the donuts for the district meeting.

Commander Stroud led a discussion on the background checks on the signers on our bank account. He also suggested that we have a third signer on the bank account for emergency purposes. Butch suggested that Tim Standfest be the third signer on the bank account. There is an understanding that Tim Standfest only write checks if Bill Spriet and Butch Stroud are not available. Gary Bishop made a motion to make Standfest the third signer on the bank account, seconded by Bill Spriet. Motion carried.

Gary Bishop made a motion that the three signers on the bank account will be reimbursed for the cost of the fingerprinting and background check.

Motion was seconded by Richard Duncan. Motion carried.

Charlie McGlone informed us that the legion is currently discussing installing a Point of Service ordering system in the kitchen. If our squadron will be part of the proposed Point of Service ordering system, an iPad will cost our squadron approximately \$800. Charlie recommended that we wait to see how the new system works before we agree to be part of the system.

The meeting was properly closed with prayer and a salute to the flag at 1850 hrs.

Yours in God and Country
Timothy Standfest, Adjutant