



S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – March 1, 2017

The monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 was held Wednesday, March 1, 2017, in the Post 347 Conference Room. There being a quorum of 10 present, the meeting was properly called to order by Commander Bill Preston at 5:30 PM. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chaplain Jack Dirga, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were, Bill Preston, Gary Bishop, George Worton, Danny Adams, Jack Dirga, Doug White, Mike Shebel, Cory Meloni, Richard Duncan, and Butch Stroud. Legion Liaison Len Biederman and Asst Adjutant Bob O'Neal also attended. On excused absence were Deano Mosingo and Bill Gray.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

New Business:

1st Vice Gary Bishop gave an update on membership. At this time, with the latest transmittal, the Squadron is at 108.6% membership compared to last year. Discussion ensued about how to encourage non-renewers from both 2016 and 2015 to consider renewing. It was decided that the first step would be to send an email to non-renewers to encourage them to renew. The Adjutant will send such a message within the next two weeks. After that we may decide to directly call non-renewers to ask them to renew.

Commander asked Butch Stroud, the chairman of the Nominating Committee, for an update. Butch says candidates have been nominated for all elected positions except for 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, and Historian.

Commander updated on the Department Convention at the end of July. So far the Commander and the Adjutant are attending, and based on precedent, their room cost will be reimbursed by the Sons. Commander recommended the Sons also reimburse the 1st Vice Commander for his room cost. A motion was made by Danny Adams to reimburse the 1st Vice Commander for room cost at the Convention; seconded by Jack Dirga. The motion was Approved. A motion was made by Richard Duncan for the Sons to fund a social event at the Convention for up to \$300; seconded by Mike Shebel. The motion was Approved.

Commander provided an update on the freezer purchase. The freezer is now installed and there is only one minor issue with the flood light which is under review. The Commander recommended we purchase correctll-sized plastic storage bins that will fit inside the freezer and simplify organization of the food. A motion was made by Danny Adams for the purchase of plastic containers not to exceed \$100 above the Commander's \$250 approval level; seconded by Jack Dirga. Motion was Approved.

Crab race ticket sales for the 3/18 event are running very slow so far. Commander recommended all officers purchase their tickets ASAP.

Ticket sales for the 3/14 St. Augustine bus trip are also running very slow. The Adjutant will send out an email blast to all Sons' members by Friday.

It is confirmed that Danielle Stroud of Habitat for Humanity will be guest speaker at the 3/15 membership meeting. We will present our \$2,500 donation check to Danielle. We will also be presenting our \$250 donation check from 2015-2016 to the Boy Scout Troop #244 at the March meeting. It was noted that 1st Vice will be absent from the 3/15 meeting.

Commander discussed the Lake Weir HS JROTC Ball this Saturday. We are providing most of the food for their Ball, including ham, ziti, green beans, rolls, and salad. Six Sons' Officers and Susan Duncan will be attending to help deliver and prepare the meal. Dress for the



attendees is blue Sons' shirt, dark slacks, and black shoes. Our cost for food so far has been \$535, but has not yet been voted on. Todd from Cheney Brothers has indicated he is considering contributing \$300 back to the Sons as a contribution towards this event. A motion was made by Danny Adams to expend up to \$600 towards the food cost for the 2017 LWHS JROTC Ball; seconded by Gary Bishop. Richard Duncan spoke in favor of the expenditure, highlighting to quality and character of the student cadets participating in this program. Gary Bishop asks if there are sufficient funds to cover this unplanned cost. Danny Adams says there is no donation plan in writing, but there is very likely enough funds to support this motion. Len Biederman explained how the Post creates and manages their donation budget with committee chairman for each program submitting funding requests and the beginning of the year. The motion was Approved.

Len Biederman clarified how the Post has managed Boys State candidate sponsorship. The Sons can choose to sponsor a Boys State attendee, but the Post is responsible for the selection process.

- Richard Duncan discussed that the Lake Weir HS JROTC will be participating in a competition called "Bad to the Bone".

Commander requests that all kitchen workers double check at the end of the night that nothing is left in the ovens or warmers. Also assure that left-over food items are dated before being stored in the freezer or refrigerator.

Finance Officer Danny Adams gave an update:

- There is a new process for reimbursement requests. Submit original receipts with name and purpose into the pouch stored in the SAL inbox in the front office. Reimbursement checks will be placed in a second pouch also in the SAL inbox.
- Danny motioned to purchase a new file cabinet for under \$150 specifically reserved for finance records; seconded by Jack Dirga. The motion was Approved.

There being no further business, the Chaplain said a closing prayer, the flag was saluted, and the meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 6:40 PM.

Yours in God and Country,
Doug White
Adjutant