



## **S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY - MARCH 6, 2019**

The monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was held at the Post Wednesday, March 6, 2019. Adjutant Bob O'Neal took the roll call. There was a quorum of 9 present, and the meeting was called to order by Commander John Gorsuch at 6:30PM. The meeting was opened with a salute to the flag, a prayer by acting Chaplain Mike Shebel and the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were John Gorsuch, Doug White, Tony Watkins, George Worton, Mike Shebel, Bob O'Neal, Dave Callies, Charlie McGlone and Angelo Speziale. Absent was Chaplain Ben Kisielica.. Also attending were Post Commander Al Varrone, Post Liaison Len Biederman, Chairman of the Children & Youth Commission for the Detachment Tom Soeder, Gary Blanchard, and Bernie Harcher, kitchen scheduler.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Membership:** 1st Vice Commander Doug White reported that membership is at 691, 106% of initial goal. There were 144 new and transfer members. There are 100 non-renewers; Doug will send out cards to them. Invitations for the March 20th Initiation Ceremony were sent out; to date there have been 16 yeses (with 11 guests) and 12 maybes (with 6 guests)

**Events:** 2nd Vice Commander Tony Watkins reported that the Vegas Night Dinner Show March 1st was a sold-out success with a net profit (reported by George Worton) of \$3174-\$3300. Final accounting to come.  
A discussion followed concerning issues of planning, ticket sales, advertisement, hall arrangement, food setup and communication among the Board members.

**Finance:** George Worton gave the February finance report:

-Total Income=	\$13,605.50
-Total Cost of Goods	-\$3,861.51
- Gross Profit=	<u>\$9,743.99</u>

-Less Expenses=	- \$0.00
-Net Income=	<u>\$9,743.99</u>

**Finance (continued):** Checking Account Balance=\$20,991.78  
Savings Account Balance = \$3,199.50  
Cash on Hand = \$4,025.00

The Vegas Night Income and expenses are not included in this report.

**Children & Youth:** Richard Duncan was not present. George Worton reported that more golfers are needed for the 4/27/19 Golf Tournament. George suggested that the Squadron sponsor a hole. There was no motion or vote.



A discussion followed, led by Tom Soeder and Al Varrone, concerning how donation checks should be handled. The conclusion was that donation checks should go through the Post so that the Post and SAL get proper credit at the National Convention. George Worton will work with the Post Treasurer to finalize details.

Tom Soeder reported that a trick shot artist will be performing at the Golf Tournament in Harbor Hills.

Members may sign up for the Golf Tournament on the Sons website. There will be a flyer on the back of the menus.

**JROTC:** Doug White has sent an email to Lake Weir JROTC inquiring whether they prefer a cash donation or a meal; waiting for a reply.

**Legislative:** Mike Shebel had nothing to report.

**House Committee:** Angelo Speziale had nothing to report.

**MS Commander's Project:** George Worton: need to form a teams for the MS walk scheduled for Saturday March 23rd. Registration at the Polo Field at 8:00AM; walk starts at 9:00AM.

The next Dine To Donate at Texas Roadhouse is scheduled Monday April 1st. Discussion ensued about flags and pins and coupons. Al Varrone suggested that a table be set up on Tuesdays for promotion and coupons for the event.

**Scholarship:** No report

**Kitchen:** Angelo Speziale reports that Thursdays have a chronic shortage of volunteers. He feels that the volunteer system is broken.

### **Open Issues:**

**New Member Orientation:** Bernie Harcher presented an excellent Power Point slideshow of his proposal for New Member Orientation classes. It contains information which all members should know about the Legion and the Sons. At present there is no such orientation, and Bernie stressed that we should implement an orientation either before a new member receives his card or at the time he receives his card. Al Varrone noted that Bernie's proposal mirrors closely what is done at the Post level. Discussions of this issue will continue.

### **New Business:**

Gary Blanchard spoke about the 2018 Food Pantry donation to Village View Community Church. We received an email and a letter from the Church thanking the Sons for the \$750 donation, which provided 2000 meals plus 170 turkeys at Thanksgiving. There is no charge to the meal recipients.



Gary also spoke about Combat Veterans to Careers involvement in the C&Y Golf Tournament. CVC President David Booth would like to be a partial sponsor and is looking for information from the Sons prior to finalizing the CVC commitment. Gary also spoke about a gun firing (modified AR15 to shoot golf balls down a fairway) at the Tournament; CVC will provide 2 loaders for this fundraiser. The proceeds will go to the State Detachment. Tom Soeder said the activity was approved by Harbor Hills Golf Course. Gary spoke about having a Release of Liability to be signed by participants.

**For The Good Of:**

**Event Planning and Organization:** Tony Watkins, Dave Callies, and Bob O'Neal will be an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a Written procedure to act as a guide in planning and organizing future events.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly closed with a salute to the flag and a closing prayer by acting chaplain Mike Shebel, and was gaveled closed at 8:00PM.

Yours in God and Country,  
Bob O'Neal  
Adjutant