



## S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – November 2, 2016

The monthly Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 347 was held Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 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 6:30 PM. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chaplain Jack Dirga.

Officers present were, Bill Preston, Gary Bishop, Deano Mosingo, Jack Dirga, Bill Gray, Doug White, Danny Adams, Corey Meloni, Richard Duncan, and Butch Stroud. Officer assistants Mike Shebel and Tom Laicha; and Legion Liaison Len Biederman, also attended. Absent were George Worton and Bill Spriet.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

### New Business:

Adjutant Doug White read the letter of resignation from Treasurer Bill Spriet, who has resigned effective immediately. Commander Bill Preston recognized Assistant Treasurer Tom Laicha. Tom described his various experiences and qualifications to serve as Treasurer. Richard Duncan motioned to have a financial audit performed by the Post Treasurer. Motion seconded by Danny Adams. Motion was approved. Commander explained that he has the authority to appoint a replacement Treasurer, but he would prefer to have the replacement approved by the Executive Committee. Bill Gray motioned to have Tom Laicha serve as Treasurer effective immediately. Motion seconded by Jack Dirga. Motion was approved. Commander noted that he would be appointing a new Assistant Treasurer after the Post audit is completed.

Richard Duncan motioned to have the Squadron switch banks from Citizens First to BB&T. Motion seconded by Danny Adams. Discussion followed: We should keep a small balance in Citizen's First to allow payment of current invoices. Motion was approved.

Richard Duncan presented the results from the Halloween Dance held last Saturday. Richard submitted a document summarizing the revenues and expenses. 178 tickets were sold and the 50/50 earned \$165. The net profit for the event was \$1,794. Richard asks if we should reserve the Legion Hall and the entertainment for the next Halloween Dance. Bill Gray recommended reserving the same singing group for next year since they were so popular with the attendees. Richard recommended having the 2017 Halloween Dance on a Friday instead of Saturday, so as to avoid competing with the very popular trivia night in the lounge. He suggested reserving Friday, October 27, 2017, but this has to be checked out with Patty and the Legion House Committee. George Worton will check out this date with Patty and the Post House Committee.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Gary Bishop said that with the latest transmittal prepared yesterday we are at 84% renewal/new/transfers. Gary also said there were 12 new members in the last month.

Adjutant Doug White motioned to have phone calls made to the 137 remaining non-renewed members. Motion seconded by Danny Adams. Motion was approved. Doug will divide up the 137 names and send an email to each Officer to make about 10 calls each.

Special Olympics Chairman Corey Meloni reported on the stuffed owl fundraising effort. So far 25 owls have been sold, for a profit of \$250. 25 more owls have already been ordered and received so this successful fundraiser can continue.



Commander announced that Habitat for Humanity is holding a ground-breaking ceremony for their Veteran's Village project in Umatilla on 11/5 in case anyone wants to attend. It was noted that the Leesburg Veteran's Village project was canceled and is being replaced by the new Umatilla project. Any donations we made for the Leesburg project is being re-directed to the new Umatilla project.

It was noted by Len Biederman that the Adjutant should sign up for email notices from the Combat Veterans to Careers organization. Doug will assure that this is done.

Commander noted that volunteers who request complimentary drinks from the lounge no longer need a ticket, they only need to write their name on a free-drink list at the lounge.

There being no further business, the Chaplain said a closing prayer, the flag was saluted, and the meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 7:20 PM.

Yours in God and Country,  
Doug White  
Adjutant