



S.A.L. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – June 27, 2018

An Executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was called by Commander Adams on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in the Post #347 Hall. This is the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee for fiscal year 2018-2019. The meeting date was changed from July 4th in recognition of the national holiday. Adjutant White took the roll call. There being a quorum of 7 present, the Special meeting was properly called to order by Commander Danny Adams, Jr at 5:30 PM. 7 Officers present were: Danny Adams, George Worton, Ben Kisielica, Bob O'Neal, Doug White, Mike Shebel, and David Callies. Absent were Paul Pitts, John Gorsuch, Deano Mosingo, and Charlie McGlone. Also attending were: Bernie Harchar and Post Liaison Len Biederman.

Commander Adams stated that Corey Meloni's Dad is in very bad condition and the family is by his bedside. {News as of June 29th is that Corey's Dad has passed away; the Adjutant will send out a message to the membership, given how many people in the Post know Corey.}

Adjutant White noted that renewals are already starting to come in from the post cards sent out on June 20th. Approximately \$1,700 in renewal dues have arrived so far. Our first transmittal will probably be about 18% of our new 652 member baseline, which will put us a little above the previous two years; a good start.

Danny gave a shortened finance report, since the month is not yet completed:

- Total in bank accounts = \$
- Net Income for partial June, minus the next Thursday dinner and before donation checks were cut is \$5,058. Donations checks were cut for a total of \$13,500, completing the 2017-2018 fiscal year donations.
- COGS YTD went up somewhat due to several Cheney Bros invoices surfacing that were not previously accounted for. The new YTD number is ~58% and will be finalized after June accounts close.

Committee Reports:

Children & Youth: Chairman is Richard Duncan. No report.

JROTC Liaison: Chairman is Doug White. Doug investigated if programs exist at Leesburg and Wildwood High Schools. Leesburg has an Air Force program but Wildwood has no program. Len Biederman added that the Legion works with the Air Force JROTC program at Forest HS in Ocala for scholarship and Boys State candidates. Len also pointed out that the Legion had a poor history of communication with the Leesburg JROTC. We'll have to work hard at trying to improve that.

Scholarship: Charlie McGlone has been asked to be the Chairman, but has not yet accepted. Len noted that the Cmte should look at the Post's total picture in terms of scholarship donations. The Legion, the Auxiliary, and The Sons each have certain schools in the area that they work with for scholarship candidates. If The Sons wants to expand the number of schools they work with they should coordinate that with the rest of the Post family. Guy Knaak and Dawn Clark are Legion scholarship coordinators. George Worton noted that The Villages HS may be a good source of candidates for additional Son's scholarships.

Legislative: Chairman is Mike Shebel. By-Laws revision/update is to be presented for review in September.

Kitchen: Joint Chairmen are John Gorsuch and Dave Callies. Dave says Paul Holzinger has not yet firmed up the process for food ordering, but they will work with him on it when he is ready. George Worton says there is a master list of supplies with primary and alternate sourcing which can be used as an order form.

Sunday meal: Coordinators are Tony Watkins and George Worton. No report.

Monday meal: Coordinator is Dave Callies. We're currently evaluating hamburger supplier options, but none have yet improved on current source. We won't change just for price, the quality has to be equal or better.



Thursday meal: Coordinators are John Gorsuch and George Worton. George says he is grooming another chef, but no commitment yet.

House: Chairman is Tom Soeder. The Post is considering new kitchen equipment and Danny would like us to provide a representative to provide Son's input. He has nobody yet, but is trying to get Angelo to come out of retirement and participate. Dave Callies will participate as well.

MS Society: Chairman is George Worton. No report.

Americanism: No Chairman as of yet; we need candidates. Len suggests asking Legion members Guy Knaak and Johnny Gibbons for ideas on Americanism projects since they have a lot of experience in this area.

Community Service: No Chairman as of yet; we need candidates.

VA&R: No Chairman as of yet; we need candidates.

Cmdr Adams says we need an event for Sept 24th to replace the canceled Crab Race. The Casino Night event is currently targeted for replacing the Halloween Dance on October 29th. The main idea for September is a Poker Night with customized poker food such as polish sausage & peppers with sides that can be easily served or as a buffet.

Cmdr Adams brought up the issue of complimentary volunteer meals after a meal event. He prefers to empower the meal event coordinators to implement a methodology but suggests that one meal be provided as complimentary. Bob O'Neal suggests allowing additional meals to be purchased at cost if a volunteer wants to purchase for their family, etc. Bernie Harchar was recognized and he agreed with Bob, but added that The Sons don't split tips/donations with volunteers while the Legion and the Auxiliary do, plus they give complimentary meals to volunteers. Others noted that splitting of tips had been voted on at many previous meal events by the volunteers and every time they had voted to donate tips to The Sons, so this has become the norm for The Sons. Dave Callies motioned to continue providing one complimentary meal and allowing volunteers to purchase added meals for family, etc at half the normal price (round to nearest quarter); seconded by Ben Kisielica. Motion was Approved.

New Business:

Cmdr Adams says that The Sons will be delivering a copy of our monthly finance report to the Legion. Also, any non-budgeted Sons' expenses proposed by the Sons' Exec Cmte, need to be approved by the Legion prior to being voted on by The Sons' membership.

Cmdr Adams said our 2018-2019 budget, including planned donations, needs to be completed by the end of August. Each Committee needs to provide input on their proposed donations and individual fundraising efforts.

New Officers for 2018-2019 will be installed at a ceremony on August 11th at 5 PM in the hall. Dignitaries from the District and the Legion are expected to be present and participating.

Cmdr Adams says he expects to have an agenda prepared for all meetings. Anyone seeking to include an agenda item must get that to the Adjutant or to Danny at least a day before the meeting.

While this seems to be unnecessary to mention, Cmdr Adams is imploring everyone to behave with civility throughout the Post and with all Post members and employees. There have been incidents recently in the lounge where tempers have flared up and this ends up reflecting badly upon The Sons, no matter who is in the right or wrong.

Mike Shebel motioned to change the time for Executive Committee meetings from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM to better accommodate all members individual circumstances; seconded by Dave Callies. Motion was Approved.

Bernie Harchar was recognized. He asks if our policy of mailing out membership cards could be modified to require members to pick-up their cards in person at a General Membership meeting, except for those members who don't live in the area and for juvenile members. This is part of what Paul Pitts had agreed to investigate at last week's meeting and report to us in October. It may be too late to implement and communicate such a policy change for this year.

The issue came up of potentially doing real-time renewals at General Membership meetings, or even at Queen of Hearts Tuesdays. Members could present the filled-out renewal form and dues check/cash



and receive their stamped membership card in person at the end of our meeting, or during the Tuesday Q-of-H evening. Adjutant White will give this some consideration. It seems feasible, but may introduce some complications, plus we would need volunteers to work the Q-of-H evenings and get permission from the Legion for a table in the hallway. August is the earliest this could happen.

George Worton suggests we implement something similar to the Auxiliary does and use a display board at General Membership meetings to communicate what each major committee is working on and planning for. This may improve membership communications and encourage more committee involvement.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly closed with a salute to the flag and a closing prayer, and was gaveled closed at 7:10 PM.

Yours in God and Country,
Doug White
Adjutant



S.A.L. SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY – July 18, 2018

A special executive Committee meeting of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #347 was called by Commander Adams on Wednesday July 18, 2018 in the Post #347 Hall to appoint Adjutant, Judge Advocate, and also a Sgt-at-Arms (due to the resignation of Deano Mosingo).

The meeting was properly called to order at 6:45 PM by the Commander with a hand salute to the flag followed by the invocation by Chaplain Ben Kisielica. A quorum of nine officers was present: Danny Adams, Paul Pitts, John Gorsuch, George Worton, Ben Kisielica, Bob O'Neal, Mike Shebel, Charlie McGlone, and David Callies. Doug White was an excused absence.

Commander Adams recommended that Doug White be appointed to the position of Adjutant, and Mike Shebel be appointed to the position of Judge Advocate. Motion to accept was made by George Worton and seconded by John Gorsuch. The motion was Approved by unanimous vote.

Commander Adams recommended Angelo Speziale be appointed Sgt-at-Arms to replace Deano Mosingo, who has resigned. Motion to accept was made by John Gorsuch and seconded by David Callies. The motion was Approved by unanimous vote. Commander Adams will ask for confirmation at the July General Membership meeting.

George Worton brought up and led a discussion about how to get more kitchen volunteers. Commander Adams decided to have the discussion brought up at the next Executive Committee meeting in August.

There being no further business, the meeting was properly closed with a salute to the flag and a closing prayer at 6:55PM.

Yours in God and Country
Bob O'Neal
Assistant Adjutant