

🌟 Summary

The meeting focused on honoring POW-MIAs, approving past meeting minutes, welcoming new members, and discussing funding for local Boy Scout troops. Key decisions included the approval of new members and a motion to allocate \$500 to support the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Additionally, financial updates, volunteer needs for Village Fest, and planning for upcoming events, including a New Year's Eve party, were discussed. Key decisions included approving the finance report and discussing the potential increase in membership dues. The meeting also focused on establishing a budget committee and discussing community support initiatives, including donations to a fallen officer's family and hosting a law enforcement dinner. Key decisions included the formation of the budget committee and the approval of donations to support local law enforcement.

📄 Outline 12-10-24 General Membership Meeting -

Convened 5:00 pm

1. POW-MIA Empty Chair Ceremony •

The Empty Chair Ceremony symbolizes the ongoing efforts for the return of POW-MIAs and is encouraged at all American Legion meetings.

The ceremony serves as a reminder to spare no effort in securing the release of American prisoners and accounting for the missing.

2. Meeting Roll Call and Quorum •

Ed - Adjutant - A roll call was conducted, confirming the presence of key officers and establishing a quorum for the meeting.

The meeting was officially convened by the Commander after confirming the quorum.

3. Upcoming District Meetings •

Cmdr, - Upcoming District 21 meetings are scheduled for February 16, April 13, and May 18 at various posts.

Meeting times are set for 8:00 AM for Suns, 9:00 AM for the PATH Commanders Club, and 10:00 AM for the American Legion.

Jeff - Distinguished Guests Amado Salinas & Albert Martinez

4. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes •

Ed - Adj, - A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the last general membership meeting held on November 3.

The (Motion Passed) without opposition, confirming the minutes as presented.

5. New Member Introduction •

Guido - New members were introduced, including Leroy Sidman, who has joined from Post 209 in Pennsylvania.

The total membership stands at 871, with 759 active members.

(Motion To Accept New Members, (Motion Passed)

6. Funding for Boy Scouts •

Kevin - A motion was proposed to allocate \$500 to support local Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops.

The (Motion Passed) after discussion,By Rusanne About Post Available Funds. Emphasizing the importance of supporting youth programs in the community. Amado Salinas- Donated \$20.00

7. Financial Report Overview •

Garth - Bar sales decreased by 8%, but bar expenses dropped by 17%, indicating effective management.

Gross sales for the fiscal year to date are \$53,000, up from \$52,000 last year, resulting in a profit increase of \$1,800.

The canteen's net operating income improved significantly, from a loss of \$466 last year to a profit of \$3,482 this year.

Donations increased to \$8,400 compared to breakeven last year, and membership dues rose to \$19,000, a 34% increase from \$14,000 last year.

The balance sheet indicates a cash position decline due to ongoing lawsuits and increased insurance expenses. See List

8. Village Fest Volunteer Needs •

Lee - Volunteers are urgently needed for Village Fest, which occurs every Thursday.

The event is crucial for promoting the organization and increasing membership.

Current volunteers expressed the need for reliable backup support to manage the event effectively.

9. Upcoming Events Planning •

Lee - Entertainment is booked through May, and discussions are ongoing for events like karaoke and themed celebrations.

The organization will participate in the Black History Parade on February 22nd, with plans to promote the post and engage with the community.

Amado - A Welcome Home Vietnam commemorative day event is being scheduled for March 29th.

10. New Year's Eve Party Details •

Cmdr, John - Planning for the New Year's Eve party is underway, featuring DJ Noriega and a menu including Prime Rib and Lobster.

Tickets are priced at \$65, with about 20 reservations already made.

A vote will take place in January regarding an increase in membership dues from \$60 to \$65 to align with national dues adjustments.

Rusanne is In Charge Of The Shirts.

At Dist,21 Meeting, Amado - Purchased 2 Post 519 Challenge Coins, One For Dist,21 Cmdr, Jesse Saucedo & One For David Brambila Ways & Means Chairman And Candi-

date For Depart Of California Commander. Award From Dist,21 To Post 519 For Hosting Dist,21 Meeting.

11. Budget Committee Formation •

A motion was made to create a budget committee to properly set up the organization's budget.

Ed Vondra volunteered to make the motion, which was seconded by Gordon.

The (Motion Passed) unanimously, allowing for the establishment of the committee.

Volunteers for the committee included RusAnne, and another member expressed willingness to chair it. Amado - Cmdr, John

12. Donation to Fallen Officer's Family •

Jeff - A motion was made to match a \$200 donation from the American Legion Riders to the Palm Springs Police Association for the family of a deceased officer.

The (Motion was seconded and Passed) with no objections.

The donation aims to support the family of the officer who died in the line of duty.

13. Law Enforcement Dinner Hosting •

Amado - A motion was proposed to host a law enforcement awards dinner at the Post 519 in collaboration with District 21. (Motion Passed)

The dinner is planned for February or March, with the Post 519 & Dist,21 Funding the costs.

The event aims to strengthen community ties and support local law enforcement officers.

14. Upcoming Veteran Stand Down Event •

Gordon - A veteran stand down event is scheduled for January 11th at the Elks Lodge in Desert Hot Springs.

The event will provide giveaways, food, haircuts, and resources for veterans.

Members expressed interest in attending to represent the Legion Post.

15. Golf Tournament Update •

Garth - The O'Donnell Golf Course has tentatively approved a tournament for the post on June 2nd next year.

Further details will be provided as they become available.

The previous golf event was successful, with positive feedback from participants.

Good of Legion - Amado - The Navy League is Sponsoring A Golf Tournament With All Legionnaires Invited. Meeting Adjourned - 5:53pm.