

## 🌟 Summary

The meeting focused on upcoming events, member acceptance, and financial updates, with key decisions made regarding entertainment for Veterans Day and the acceptance of new members. Action items include finalizing preparations for Pride Weekend and Veterans Day celebrations.

## 📄 Outline 9-10-24 General Membership Meeting Convened 5:00 pm

### 1. Upcoming Meetings •

District 21 meetings are scheduled for October 20th, December 8th, February 16th, and April 13th.

Meeting times for various groups are set for 8:00 AM, 9:00 AM, and 10:00 AM.

### 2. Guest Speaker Introduction •

Amado Salinas introduced himself as the national legislative council representative and national security commissioner.

Bob Roberts Stone, an executive coach, offered to volunteer coaching services for veterans.

### 3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes •

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously.

The approval was confirmed after a motion and a second were made. (Motion Passed)

### 4. New Member Acceptance •

Guido - New members Peter Cadillac, Henry Orozco, Dominic Spina, and John McClain were introduced.

The motion to accept these new members passed unanimously after verification of their credentials. (Motion Passed)

### 5. Veterans Day Entertainment •

Lee - A motion was made to hire Sean Taylor Jackson for \$150 to perform from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Veterans Day.

The motion To Pay \$1,500 (Motion Passed), allowing for additional entertainment before the parade.

## 6. Community Engagement and Fundraising •

The kitchen will be open on Veterans Day, and participation in the Taste of Palm Springs event is planned.

The organization is looking for a convertible for the parades and will continue to seek donations.

## 7. Financial Report

The July-August fiscal year report indicated a 28% decrease in sales due to extreme heat and kitchen renovations.

Current financials are available on the post's website for review.

## 8. Financial Performance Update •

The kitchen operations have improved, resulting in a reduced operating loss of \$1,100 compared to \$9,600 last year.

Donations increased by \$7,000 in the first two months of the fiscal year, leading to a net income of \$5,200 versus a loss of \$13,000 last year.

## 9. Approval of Financial Assistance •

A motion was made to approve financial assistance, which was seconded and unanimously approved by the members present. (Motion Passed)

## 10. Membership and Guest Issues •

Amado - A guest, Mr. Robert Davis, was initially questioned about his membership status but was later welcomed after confirming his membership.

Mr. Davis had a medical emergency that was addressed through legislative contacts, highlighting the importance of community support for veterans.

11. Renovation Funding Efforts • Garth - Ed - Efforts are underway to secure funding through Measure J for extensive remodeling of the post, including kitchen and electrical upgrades.

Itemized estimates from construction companies are needed by the end of the month to proceed with funding applications.

## 12. Kitchen Operations Update

A temporary kitchen solution has been implemented, and negotiations will occur soon to determine if this arrangement will continue.

A plaque ceremony for the late chaplain R J will be organized to honor his contributions.

### 13. Dues and Membership Updates •

Cmdr, The annual dues were confirmed to be \$60, with an increase to \$65 planned for next July.

A malfunctioning wine cooler was repaired at minimal cost due to warranty coverage.

### 14. Fundraising through Commemorative Coins •

Ernie - A proposal was made to purchase 500 commemorative coins at \$3.56 each, requiring the sale of 112 coins to break even.

Discussion, included the potential for different sizes of coins and pricing strategies to maximize fundraising efforts. See Art Work Flier

### 15. Merchandise and Collectibles •

Bob Stone suggested identifying the ideal customer for post merchandise and marketing strategies.

There is interest in making items like hats and coins collectible to increase their value. Rusanne Is Handling The Art Work And Ordering The Post Merchandises

Further discussions will be held At The Next House Committee Meeting between interested parties.

### 16. Fundraising for Bar Stools •

The post received a donation from the Sons for HVAC and electrical repairs.

New bar stools costing nearly \$5,000 were purchased, with a fundraiser planned to help cover costs.

An agreement was made to donate 20 old bar stools to Banning instead of discarding them.

### 17. Upcoming Events •

A Patriot's Day event is scheduled with music, food, and guest speakers.

The flag will be lowered after dark instead of at sunrise due to scheduling conflicts.

#### 18. Non-Partisan Policy •

Cmdr, - The post emphasized its non-partisan stance, prohibiting political endorsements or discussions within the post.

A previous post on Facebook was removed due to political implications, reinforcing the need for neutrality.

#### 19. Legislative Advocacy •

Amado - The National Legislative Counselor highlighted the importance of advocating for veteran issues regardless of political affiliation.

Key legislative efforts include the Major Star Act and recognition for World War I civilians known as the Hello Girls.

#### 20. Donation to Girl Scouts •

Kevin - A (Motion was made and Passed) to donate \$200 to the local Girl Scout troop. With Plans To Include The S A L and Auxiliary For Donations

This amount is a reduction from last year's donation of \$1,000.

#### 21. Community Engagement • 00:54:01

Lee - Marker Broadcasting hosts events that could serve as fundraising opportunities for the post.

The idea of participating in future events as a charity was proposed for consideration.

#### 22. Clarification on Post Management

Concerns were raised about the management of the door and adherence to Alcohol Beverage Control rules.

Tom - A member offered to donate \$150 to support a band, indicating community involvement and support. Meeting Adjourned 6:05 pm