



American Legion McCulloch-Wagner Post 109
15921 S. Houghton Road
Corona AZ 85641

11 Apr 2023

General Membership Meeting was called to order at Post 109 at 7:08pm.

Roll Call of Officers:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Status, Name, Status. Rows include Andre Koster (Commander, Present), Chris Petersen (1st Vice, Present), Jessica Ziegler (2nd Vice, Present), Joyce Lee (Adjutant/Secretary, Excused), Rick Morgan (Finance, Present), Sean Stephenson (Executive Member, Excused), Neil Haverlandt (Executive Member, Excused), Hugo Fontes (Executive Member, Present), Bill Sobeck (Historian, Excused), Venture Tounsel (Past Commander, Present), Mike Shaughnessy (Chaplain, Excused).

Guest: Sgt at Arms, guests from Boys State:

Brody Lott, political public speaking interest. Why: Dad previously participated, and wants to be more on-page on political system as approaching voting age for clarity of how the system works to further promote our American values. Grateful for the opportunity.

David Oakley, Jr at Empire. Excited for the opportunity and aligns with US History interests and desire for career in government. Why: Looking to get out of the experience an opportunity to network with like-minded individuals from across the state and a better access to fundamental state processes. It is an honor to be selected.

Luke Paun, Jr at Micah Mountain, looking forward to touch on American and also an Eagle Scout. Why: Reiteration of gratitude. Brother and father attended and looking to continue legacy. Looking to advance his Eagle Scout efforts.

Matt Tricky, Jr at Micah, Boys State will be a SUPER COOL opportunity. Active member in student government. Why: future career exposure to help narrow his decisions. From hearsay, it will be an excellent opportunity to make new relationships.

Past Commander identified Legionnaires whom are responsible for funding and asked each to speak on the "why" they were looking to attend.

Reports:

Kitchen: Shelby. 18 years restaurant experience and 7 years in the bar. May 6th goal for opening. Lots of cleaning done and more to go. Pricing things out and working the best menu to ensure value. Husband is looking into sink repairs for minor leak. Box in the scary closet is unidentifiable and looking to board and/or body to identify and remove. All other contents as well as walk in fridge/freezer are organized. Dating items is required by Health Board, and this is improving. Not doing so, will not be tolerated and items will be discarded. Keep the cooler doors closed completely and lights are off.

Club: Sam nothing new to report. Commander identified the new cash registers for including Square were priced. Sam added the system is outdated and incurs new costs for improvements and no support. The new quoted systems include payroll, Square, inventory control, and more. Inquiry made about card use. Andre will cover further late

Son's: Chas; massive thank you for attendance at the Campout. 150 members attended and 70 from 109 alone. Next year will be at Cottonwood's Dead Horse; official invitation to follow. Chaz will be directing 2024 camp out. CFS this Friday. 4/15 concrete wall at rear of building will be cut; volunteers encouraged and gives opportunity to utilize heavy equipment.

Aux: Danielle K, five applicants for Girls State, invited this Saturday to the post. 4/22, craft fair, 15 vendors including food trucks. Being coordinated with TAMS and will include donation. 5/13, Buddy Sock Hop with Ice Cream Bar and DJ.

Riders: No Report.

Boy Scouts: Please see attached.

CZV: 4/14 meeting and slingo. Winning ticket Blackstone was drawn. It did well and will be done again.

Bingo: , wrapping up for going dark June – August. Financially, \$900 toward Boys State. Quote received for sound system in Lounge to include lighting, speakers, and amplifier. Near \$4,500. Contractors in on Tuesday to finalize. Four Pillars are being supported by good income. CPR, Entity information needed to adjutant STAT

Chaplain: Mike, 2 weeks ago the Chaplains of all entities met to create a communication chain to ensure need of Chaplain will have full coverage. Establishing a "Need for Chaplain" signing book or sign-up. Andre, Rob Lee had a heart attack and he is home recovering.

VSO: See attached.

House: no public report.

Closed:

Membership: Chris; constant improvement. July 1st to date. 312 renewed online, 468 renewed in-person or by mail. 797 members and at 95% that meets goal. 62 AL Post AZ 100 members, in Vail, and Chris will be reaching out. New members presented. New Members presented. Jen, Upchurch; passed. Transfers presented. Jen, Upchurch; passed. (Since when) Second Place in District Two for Membership, 114 new puts us at number one in District Two; Fourth in renewals with 634. See attachment.

Historian: Bill: A little behind. St Paddy's Day and 50th Anniversary of Vietnam. Bill brought a 66-68, Kayson veteran wounded and taken by 130 to Japan as well as his wife. TV of Past CC now hung.

2nd Vice: 3/18 blood drive saved 45 lives. Youth Dance ___ and will have snack foods and a photo booth – would like the see some Legionnaires in cover for public interaction and education. 4/29, silent auction and food sales fundraiser. May meeting will have more details regarding Memorial Day to be presented.

Finance Report: Rick; we're in the black this month. Lights are on and the beer is cold. Rick Curry made a motion to accept the finance report as stated, 2nd by Jen Hightower. motion passed.

Meeting minutes as posted – Jon Upchurch made a motion to accept the minutes posted on line, 2nd by Jen; motion passed

Unfinished Business:

Nominations:

Commander: (Previously nominated, Andre Koster) None.

First Vice: (Previously nominated, none) None.

Second Vice: (Previously nominated, Jessica) None.

Finance: (Previously nominated, Rick "Rockstar" Morgan) None.

Historian: (Previously nominated, none) Bill Sobeck, accepted.

Sgt at Arms: (Previously nominated, Brad Adams) None.

3-year Executive: (Previously nominated, Tom Kopecky) Roosevelt McKnight, accepted.

Andre presented motion to dismiss as filed by attorney regarding lawsuit. Old Bar, drainage concrete being cut as covered by SAL to eliminate backflow of water drainage. This will allow interior repairs to begin. Brad Adams asked if there are any additional updates and if there were any corrective actions for in staff. Andre addressed many details regarding the subjects in question were at the wrong and staff acting correctly. Ventura asked if the attorney was providing layman term updates and encouraged Commander to request a briefing to present to body from the attorney's office.

New Business:

John Cutty, moved in Aug 22 from Mass. This weekend camping with 776 Cub Scout. They're in need of flags to retire. Directed to work with Brad Adams for flags.

Ventura Tounsel expressed gratitude for CC and Historian in setting up the Past CC photos on monitor in the Thunderbird Lounge. Ace Motioned for photos of current leadership, Commander and State Entity Presidents be posted in the lounge, 2nd by Chris. Hugo during discussion encouraged it be added to monitor. Brad added the photos should have uniformity and with appropriate flags in background. Passes.

New registers quote presented. \$4100 encompasses: 2x10.1 iPads, old bar iPad, and one kitchen iPad, barcode scanner, printer, stand, alternative stands range and we will need four, monthly fees of \$180/month (\$60/mo. for first, \$40/mo. for each additional – working on discount potentials for upfront payments as no non-profit/veteran) \$2,161/year cost in fees and roughly \$4,065 upfront. Finance Officer says our finances are good. Chris Petersen motioned \$4,200 for purchase of new system; Ventura asked for cost clarity. Andre advised discount pursuing and tax estimation. Ventura

encouraged raising for unexpected needs. Petersen amended motion to \$4500 2nd by Rick Curry. Motion to accept amended motion; passed. Motion for \$4500 purchase; passed.

Good of the Legion:

Bill, RESPECT THE FIRE LANES!!!! Emergency occurs and if these are not respected it could be a catastrophe.

Chris advised Chaz is working new signage and updating fire lane paint. Post signage must be adhered to. Brad Adams is finishing speed limit signs.

Ventura asked for minutes regarding the decision with vote regarding signage.

Andre advised minutes with vote has been recorded. Hugo asked how to deflect rider not using bike parking and consuming car spaces.

Andre advised he is working on putting the word out.

Jessica will have fundraiser with silent auction and food sales; more to come and this effort is to fund new bar stools. Fundraiser 4/29, 3pm to 7pm; auction results after the 7pm Toast.

Brad Adams, Jim Sill has previously welded bar stools for us and we should consider this to assist as well.

Elections will be on May 9th and polls will be open from noon until 18:30; volunteers needed. The Executive Board (Adjutant) will generate a coverage schedule. Upchurch volunteered for all day, Hightower will do 17:00 to 18:30, Jessica tasked to ask via social media, John Cutty volunteered for 16:00 – 18:30.

John Cutty, exactly 60 years ago (April of, 1963), the USS Thrasher was sunk off the coast of New Hampshire, 129 Submariners were lost; casualty of the Cold War. Gratitude expressed by Tom for the excellent Vietnam Veteran Day.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Respectfully signed,

Andre Koster

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Commander

Joyce Lee

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Adjutant