



American Legion  
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314  
Alpharetta, GA 30009

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MINUTES  
Executive Committee Meeting  
March 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by committee chair *Past Commander Marty Farrell*. All Post officers and committee members were present. The meeting was held at this time due to illness among various officers which prevented a meeting at the regular date and time (10 Feb.) Guests included the commander of SAL Squadron 201 *Derek Garmon*.

Chairman Farrell asked SAL commander Garmon to update the committee on the SAL's latest project, a charitable event to aid disadvantaged and special needs youth. The SAL is planning a barbecue, tour and appropriate athletic events for some 20 to 30 young people on 18 April from 11 AM until 3 PM. The event will be at no expense to the Post and should result in positive community feedback. Commander Garmon also mentioned the Department's fund raiser for National Commander candidate Barnett. The Executive Committee agreed to donate \$100 for fundraising tickets.

Reports

House Committee – *SVC Shannon Gott* reported that there were no action items from their meeting. He also said that they had discussed the purchase of chairs for the main hall. The Shriners were selling their used chairs (some 300) for \$5.00 each but because of an inability to assess their condition and financial considerations it was decided to pass on the opportunity.

PC Byrd – The commander gave an update on "Roy Bingo", a form of 50/50 brought up at a meeting in January. It requires a commitment of people to staff and run it and he has spoken with the SAL and ALA and feels that the logistics may pose a problem in that we already have problems staffing existing programs.

Insurance – *PC Byrd* said that our policies, both umbrella and regular, were up for renewal. He said that the premium quoted for our coverage was \$15, 642, about \$5-K less than last year. A further saving of \$1300 could be had if we joined the Chamber of Commerce in Gwinnett, Dekalb or Cobb counties. A motion was made, seconded and passed to join to get the saving. Further discussion questioned why we couldn't join the C of C in North Fulton where we're located and get the savings. Also as to why joining a particular organization affects our risk and insurability. The Adjutant and Finance Officer were tasked to clarify the situation and insure that we were getting the best premium price. The commander asked for a motion to approve payment of the premium; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.



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Executive Committeeman Jay Coleman – Asked about the status of our annual scholarship program. He noted that deadlines were imminent. *PC Byrd* said that *Chair George Conway* had candidates and will present them for evaluation. *PPC Farrell* recommended some changes to the way the scholarships are paid. He cited regularly occurring problems during the second semester about who gets paid and when. A discussion about problems ensued and possible solutions will be explored at the next meeting.

Judge Advocate Charles Turner – *JA Turner* gave a progress update on his work to recreate a photo history of past commanders for the walls of the main hall. He showed a mockup of the support frames and pictures, all done in a red, white and blue motif, which was very well received by the committee.

He also asked about gaming machine profits saying we needed more information since we now have more of them in new spots in the Post. The finance officer will report back.

*JA Turner* also said that the membership at meetings should be given greater detail about the finance report, not just how much money we have in our checking account. A discussion ensued during which it was pointed out that the finance report was on the bulletin board for inspection by the membership. A suggestion was made that it be available at the meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously that greater detail be given at meetings.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Pete Esker', written over a horizontal line.

Pete Esker, Adjutant