



American Legion
Alpharetta Post 201, Inc.

PO Box 314
Alpharetta, GA 30009

MINUTES

Executive Committee Meeting

May 9, 2017

Chair Jay Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. All Post officers and committee members were present except *Post Commander Dennis Turner* who was excused and *Mark Sharples* who has resigned. Guests included *Legionnaire Brad Baker*, and *Elizabeth Williams* of the dance program.

Reports

Finance – *Finance Officer Fred Swyters* reported that account balances as of April 30th, 2017, were as follows:

Club House account	\$3367.69	Post	\$12,076.78
Bingo	6,586.20	Baseball	14,489.63
Walk of Memories	5,426.72	Cash on Hand	6,900.00

TOTAL \$47,847.12

The Finance officer noted that an insurance premium payment of \$7400 and an alarm system charge of \$772 were included. He said in June we expect to pay \$2700 for county and city liquor licenses and \$1300 for gaming machine license renewal.

Membership – The adjutant said that *Membership chair Tom Billings* reports that membership stood at 769 which was 93% of our goal of 830.

House Committee – *Sr VC Bob Shafer* chair of the House committee noted that they had four passed action items – (1.) raise the Post share of Sunday dance proceeds from \$200 to \$300; (2.) \$300 share would now go the Post general fund, (3.) \$325 was approved to reimburse Bob Chickillo for purchase of new informational TV for clubroom and (4.) review and discuss suggestions for post improvements at June meeting. Action items were approved.

Jr VC Lisa Dernovich – gave an overview of the use of outdoor facilities on June 4th by personnel and their families from Alpharetta’s Dept. of Public Safety. After discussion, it was determined that it would not conflict with baseball and they should provide a certificate of insurance.

Bingo – *Chairman Coleman* said that the need for volunteers remained critical and revenue was slipping. He said the games bring in more than \$20-K a year and we need to think about options.

Baseball – *Legionnaire Brad Baker* reported that the *One Thing for Youth* organization’s schedule has been firmed up for the next three months. He also said that two workout camps for professional teams are being set up. Baseball’s finances are on track and he is in discussions on our relations with the *Triple Crown* organization.

Judge Advocate Charles Turner – said that the working group appointed at the last meeting to sort out organizational problems in the baseball program had several productive meetings. The group, which included the commander, effected a change in that *Brad Baker* is now the chair of the Post’s baseball program with full authority and responsibility for its future success. This was affirmed by the Executive Committee.

JA Turner said that due to last year’s litigation the baseball field should be off-limits for Independence Day (July 4th) with locked gates and such. Parking and fees would also have to be modified. This was approved by the committee.



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Trees near the concession stand and adjacent to Rucker Rd. that need of pruning were discussed. *JA Turner* has two bids - \$1500 and \$1000 – which will be further negotiated.

Walk of Memories (WOM)- WOM memorial brick sales are slow; *WOM chair Charles Turner* said that he has installed a brick in memory of a Georgia servicemember recently killed in action.

Scholarships – The adjutant said that there were two applications but one was incomplete. The incomplete applicant will be told to complete it ASAP or it will not be considered.

Boys State – There are five applicants for this prime Legion program and a sixth is possible. A motion was passed to allocate \$1500 to fund this year's slate of candidates.

Scouting Program- *Scouting coordinator Ed Holben* gave a brief overview of upcoming events including a Court of Honor and some Eagle projects.

Appointment to Fill Vacant Seat – action will be taken at the June meeting.

Joint Installation of Officers – tentatively to be held in June, Adjutant will coordinate with the ALA and SAL.

Elizabeth Williams – the co-chair of the dance program gave an update saying that the dances continue to grow and that they are planning new workshops which will mean new revenue. She said that there is increasing demand for reserved tables and she wishes to institute a \$5 charge. This was referred to the house committee. She also said that dance websites were being upgraded and made note of club201dance.com. She told of an offer by Humana to put on an event at the Post on July 4th where they would provide food and beverages. This, too, was referred to the house committee. She told of ongoing security measures regarding emergency door use, ID of paid attendees, bringing in of unauthorized alcohol – all of which are well controlled by existing personnel and procedures. A motion was made to discontinue use of blue-light hand stamping due to the high cost of ink and its relative ineffectiveness. Motion passed.

House committee chair Bob Shafer lauded Elizabeth and Mark Williams for their excellent program, their professionalism and their contributions to the Post.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Esker, Adjutant