



Fred Blankenship Post 117
413 South Main Street
Butler, PA 16001

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Adopted: 14 March 2022

26 January 2023

A Meeting was held on DATE to conduct Regularly Scheduled Business

Attendees	David McLaughlin, Chairman -P	Bill McCoy, Secretary, P
as indicated:	Dean Noechel, Treasurer -P	Mark Schuler, P
	Ron Fondark, A	Dave Orth, P
	Joe Hoover, P	

Other Attendees:	Roleen Bookhamer	Linda Meinert
	Kari Ann Noechel	Lacey Lutz
	John Snow	John R(illegible)

Dave McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 1800 hrs., and noted that enough members for a quorum were present.

The minutes from 22 December 2022 were read; and minutes from a Special Meeting from 7 January 2023 were read – both meetings minutes accepted as read, and without correction.

Dave McLaughlin reported that the Letter of Reprimand/Final Notice to **REDACTED** for a verbal altercation; vulgar language was returned due to an incomplete address. It will be corrected and re-sent.

Dean Noechel reported that the Purchase Order for the LED sign needs signed and submitted. The vendor will work on the permit with the Post paying the fee to the city; The design will cost \$200 Dollars and it will be ready for installation.

Dave McLaughlin reported that the windows are still pending install completion, and the new furnace has been ordered and pending delivery to the vendor. There is a roof leak that will need repaired; the water lines will all have ball valves in accessible areas to remedy the inaccessible main valve in the business office after normal business hours. Doors still need left open for heat while awaiting the new furnace.

OLD BUSINESS: Dean Noechel motioned to eliminate the limit on how many times a member can sign-in any guest; seconded by Joe Hoover with unanimous agreement; *pending Executive Board Approval..*

NEW BUSINESS: Thirteen tickets, to date, have been sold for the Valentine Dinner/Dance.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Roleen Bookhamer suggested extra food for meals be ordered for last-minute ticket requests.

The Soup Cook-off is still scheduled for this coming Sunday with nine entrants so far.

Dean Noechel suggested that events should be held the first and third Saturdays of each month when possible and gave examples of events like dinners, murder mystery, shows, etc. with kitchen hours during such events. He noted the kitchen sales on Saturday/Sunday haven't exceeded or even equaled payroll in the kitchen. A wide-ranging discussion ensued and covered issues like consistent food prep and quality, kitchen hours and menu items.

John Snow stated that his brother is a professional chef in Washington, D.C. and offered to have him evaluate our menu's items with the idea of eliminating, changing and standardizing items known to be a draw to patrons.

Kari Ann Noechel suggested that when patrons complain [to bartenders or club officers] they should be encouraged to attend the House Rules Committee's meeting to offer ideas and suggestions. Dean Noechel expressed that the bar/canteen area is for *socializing* and no business should be discussed there. Post business is appropriately discussed at *meetings*.

Expanding on Dean Noechel's comments, it was suggested that events, like on the first/third Saturdays could draw more members and spouses, if a multi-course or meal special were offered. (The Post should be a place where a member wants to bring his/her spouse and children for dinner.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attendees not actual Committee members were thanked and asked to depart.

- To address various kitchen and bar employee issues, Dave McLaughlin will have a meeting with those employees to review issues and expectations.
- Dean made the observation that there has been feedback that when a certain cook is working, customers do not come, or leave.
- An incident reported by Redacted (bartender) involved REDACTED who became verbally upset when asked to show his membership card. While there were three witnesses, the Board determined it does not rise to the level requiring discipline because when he was told to leave, he promptly did so. Motion for, "No Action," by Dean Noechel; second by Joe Hoover with unanimous agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

William R. McCoy, Jr.
Secretary