



Frederick. O Blankenship Post 117
413 South Main Street
Butler, PA 16001

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Adopted: 14 March 2022

24 August 2023

A Meeting was held on 24 August 2023 to conduct Regularly Scheduled Business

Committee	Dean Noechel, Chairman -P	Bill McCoy, Secretary, P
as indicated:	Dave Orth, P	John Dye, E
	Gordon Kennedy, P	Joe Hoover, P (Remote)

Guests:	Roleen Bookhamer (Finance officer)	Mark Schuler
	Amy Doty (Kitchen/Bar Manager)	Linda Meinert

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

The minutes from the 27 July 2023 meeting were distributed to committee members by e-mail and accepted in lieu of reading. They are also posted on the Post's website, www.butlerpost117.org on the House Committee page.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Dean Noechel noted that the Canteen was operating on the revised hours, opening at 1100 hrs. Roleen Bookhamer stated people are coming in for lunch and though slow, she expects it will pick-up.
- Amy Doty and Roleen Bookhamer stated lunch is getting more people each day. After a meeting with CISCO foods, Dean Noechel stated that the Post can modify the menu as needed.
- Roleen Bookhamer advised the committee that the bar staff all have uniform shirts now and the kitchen staff will have theirs within a week or to (light weight shirts and pants).
- Dean Noechel reviewed the letters sent by Attorney Mike Pater for the Post to the owners of the adjacent lots. The owner of the Ford property is willing to sell, but noted that they leased the lot to Cochran Ford for the next year, and that will have to be honored. They are preparing a price proposal.
- Roleen Bookhamer sent Bob Fornadley the data on the Post building (fire detection, access control, etc.). This is to be provided to LM Insurance Agency (Pittsburgh, PA) for availability and an estimate for a \$1 Million Dollar Liquor Liability policy. Lee Bartalicious provided the lead and Bob Fornadley is confident they may write a policy for the Post facilities.
- Dean Noechel reminded the committee that the Post Family Picnic is 16 September 2023. Roleen Bookhamer stated volunteers were needed to help. Dean and Bill McCoy will work the ID/sign-in table starting at 1100 hrs. to 1600 hrs. The menu is hot sausages, Ham BBQ and maybe BBQ chicken. The kitchen will be closed until the picnic ends at 1600 hrs. There will be door prizes every 15 minutes. Members will get wristbands to indicate to bartenders that they have been checked-in.
- Dean Noechel noted that at the last Post General Membership meeting, Mark Schuler was thanked for all his work and the help he provides to the Post.
- Roleen Bookhamer advised that a new blender will be installed next Monday morning for the draft CO2 system.

NEW BUSINESS:

- House Committee officers were selected:
 - Bill McCoy for Secretary. Motioned by Gordon Kennedy; 2nd by Dave Orth. Motion Carried.
 - Gordon Kennedy for Treasurer. Motion by Bill McCoy; 2nd by Dave Orth. Carried.
 - Authorized signatures, Committee Banking: Dean Noechel, Gordon Kennedy and Roleen Bookhamer. Motion by Joe Hoover; 2nd by Bill McCoy. Carried.
- Maintenance Updates, Mark Schuler: The kitchen exhaust hood's down-draft is okay now. Replaced leaking spigots in the janitor's room with new ones. The new furnace is completely installed.
- Kitchen Update: A new cook was hired. Kitchen is being cleaned well. U.S. Foods advised Roleen Bookhamer and Amy Doty that chicken wings are getting scarce and to anticipate higher costs. Ten cases were obtained from U.S. Foods, plus for more. CISCO provided 5 cases.
- Roleen Bookhamer advised that there is a new bartender who re-applied after a prior resignation. It was also noted that bartenders' uniforms for Fridays are the red shirts, only.
- Dean Noechel reported that the furnace is n
- Cost performance of the Canteen is improving even with July normally being one of the slowest months.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- A brief discussion was held regarding the Veteran Banners hung in the city. Mark Schuler stated that new brackets and banners would cost \$130 each. Further discussion tabled.
- Gordon Kennedy motioned for the SAL be permitted to place floor protectors on the table and bar stools (tennis balls); 2nd, Bill McCoy. The only discussion was to not use bright colored tennis balls. Motion carried.

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

- Dean Noechel announced that there were no House Rule violations in the Canteen for July. Members agreed that it's a trend everyone hopes will continue so the facility is appealing to all of the Legion Family and friendly.
- Minor employee issues were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1915 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

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William R. McCoy, Jr.

Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADDENDUM: REDACTED