



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

HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING

Adopted: 14 March 2022

25 January 2024

A Meeting was held on 28 December 2023 to conduct Regularly Scheduled Business

Committee as indicated:	Dean Noechel, Chairman -P Dave Orth, P Gordon Kennedy, P	Bill McCoy, Secretary, P Bob Scarmack, P Joe Hoover, P
Guests:	Amy Doty (Kitchen/Bar Manager) Dave McLaughlin (Post Commander)	Mark Schuler (Maintenance) Bob Fornadley (1 st Vice)

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

The minutes from the 28 December 2023 meeting were emailed to committee members 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:

- Cleaning Contract/ Employees: The letter from Sharon Christy regarding extending their cleaning contract was read and discussed. The Committee decided to terminate the contract upon its expiration (end of April 2024) and hire up to two in-house employees. It was discussed that the change will save up to \$15,000 Dollars. First offer will be given to current employees of the Canteen and Kitchen, then Post members, and then advertising for the position. Bill McCoy motioned to implement the change; second by Joe Hoover. Motion Carried. Bill McCoy will draft a letter to Sharon Christy advising her that the contract will not be extended or renewed.
- Front Sign Installed on the building's face with the new American Legion brand instead of the logo.
- The "Bag Lady Sue Show" is still scheduled for 6 April 2024. This is an adult (R-Rated) themed show and tickets are available at the Canteen or online through the "Bag Lady Sue" website. General admission is \$20; and VIP tickets are \$35. In support of Veterans, for each ticket, the Post will net \$10. which will go into the Post's Veteran's Assistance Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lower Door Access: It was recommended by Dave McLaughlin, Post Commander attended to suggest that the lower door be secured with no access after a given time. This is intended for security and employee safety – Dave pointed out that when the Post closes, the bar tender takes the days receipts to the basement to secure them; but there is concern that someone could hide in the stairwell and rob and possibly assault the bar tender. After discussion, it was decided that since there are two means of egress on the upper floor, securing the downstairs should not be an issue. The lower door will be secured at shift change, daily at 1800 hrs. The upstairs stairwell door will also be locked. Motion by Gordon Kennedy; second by Bill McCoy. Motion carried.
- Appointment of SAL/Aux to House Committee. Dean Noechel (Chairman) commented that the Auxiliary and SAL are part of the American Legion *family*; but have no say on how the Canteen or bar are operated. Bill McCoy (Judge Advocate) noted that the Department By-Laws for board members of *Home Associations*, must be comprised of "Veteran Members;" but the By-Laws relating to House *Committees*, make no such distinction. After discussion, the committee agreed that the SAL and Auxiliary each have one member appointed, by the Post Commander to sit on the House Committee for their ideas, input and further, that they have a vote on matters such as food items, equipment, entertainment, and every issue EXCLUDING discipline of patrons; particularly Veterans. Therefore, if/when implemented, they would be EXCLUDED from Executive Session discussions regarding any Veteran discipline. If an Auxiliary, SAL member or guest would face discipline, they

“may” be permitted to offer an opinion, but would be excluded from any vote. Motion to implement by Bill McCoy; second by Bob Scarmack. Motion Carried. The Post Commander will make the appointments at his discretion.

- Painting Project Back Hall, Hallway, Entry. Dean Noechel and Dave McLaughlin advised the committee that the Post interior needs a “facelift,” especially in view of upcoming Department and National events that may (likely) be held at the Post. Further, it is believed that the wall paint is over 20 years old. Paint samples will be obtained and cardboard sheets will be painted in various colors to test and view against the walls of the social hall, etc. The samples will be shown to members at the next regular membership meeting in February. (Cardboard sheets will prevent having to paint samples directly onto the walls which would have to be repaired if the membership decides to *not* paint. Tabled until the membership votes on whatever color(s) at which time, if favorable, painting will commence. Motion by Dean Noechel; second by Joe Hoover. Motion carried.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- Bob Fornadley presented the idea to hold a “Sock Hop,” rock ‘n roll style DJ event and suggested that Rikki Woodling (Auxiliary member) volunteered to act as DJ. Bob stated that she is well known in the community and is frequently at the Post. Discussion was tabled pending other concerns.
- Amy Doty advised that she had a “wish list” of items needed for the kitchen, e.g., sheet pans, pans, etc. The committee approved her request since it is well within the budgeted amount (\$1,500). Motion by Joe Hoover, second by Gordon Kennedy. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Attendees not actual Committee members were thanked and asked to depart; but Amy Doty was to remain for employee discussions.

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1927 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

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William R. McCoy, Jr.
Secretary