

American Legion Post 118 Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Executive Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2024

Attendees

Officers: Commander: Scott Swanson, First Vice: Douglas Williamson, Second Vice: absent, Sergeant at Arms: Joe Cook, Service Officer: absent, Chaplain: Kim Schnepfer

Trustees: Paula Abeyta, Garry Branstetter, Ron Szych

Members: Bill Jennings, Jim Hay, Robert Abeyta, Bill Harrington, Phil Merriweather, Donna Harrington, Jerry Conclasure, Mike Bates, Pamela Bates

Guest: None

Minutes

Meeting called to order - 10:01

Hand salute

Pledge

Prayer - Chaplain

Motion to accept February meeting minutes as read: Bill motioned Ron seconded minutes accepted

Guests: None

Finance Officer read the finance report, we need to track the purchasing of food for the kitchen since we are offering food. Kim motioned to accept the finance report as read, Paula seconded, motion carried

Membership report was read: goal membership is 579 members, we have 531 signed up, need 48 more to renew dues as of February 2024.

Second Vice report:

- Absent

First Vice report:

- James was hired as cook/bartender, he is SAL. We need a menu to be able to offer catering for hall rentals. We will need volunteers to assist James as the kitchen becomes busier.
- Looking to hire another bartender part time. Lisa will be away for one month we need a backup for her.

Housing committee report:

- Jim Hay stated the locators came out and we are approved to proceed with using the ditch witch. The electrician will come and put the lines in the holes for the RV hookups. No additional charge for the hook ups from the power company.

The game room work is coming along. Joe Cook was able to remove wires and breakers that were not being used. There should only be 5 breakers.

March 23rd at 8:00 am there will be a Saturday breakfast for the Post.

Service Officer report:

- Absent

Unfinished business:

- Bill Harrington stated that only the voting members need to raise their hands to approve motions.

New business:

- Donna stated that she will be out of town and will have surgery after her vacation. Rose will handle the rentals while Donna is away and for a few weeks after her surgery.
- Kim stated that they will be doing a second breakfast, after the one on March 23rd, and an Easter egg hunt. This will be planned through Carl.
- Commander stated that the updated bylaws are posted on the website. They need to be signed, turned in, and voted on in June.
- Doug stated that Post 118 has a plot of land in Rio Rancho that has been sitting for 11 years. The value has gone up. It is located in Rio Rancho. Value is now between \$20k and \$30k. Doug proposed the land be sold and the money be used for the mini splits and other improvements that need done in and around the Post. Summer is coming and we need to be able to cool the Post. Donna motioned to accept, Paula seconded, Ron asked if we could make an amendment to the motion and set a minimum of \$25k for the sale, Ron motioned, Bill seconded, motion carried.
- Vote on the Bylaws - Ron motioned to accept, Kim seconded, motion carried.
- Commander thanked everyone who attended the donor walk at UNMH for Mark and Laura's son in law.

For the Good of the Legion:

- None

Closing Prayer: Chaplain

Meeting adjourned at 10:39

