



September 24, 2013 Monthly Meeting

Officers Present:

Dana Ferry, President
Cres Vellucci, 2nd Vice President
Treasurer: Terri Leimbach
Chris Brieno, Campaign Services Chair
Elliot Cavanaugh, Legal Officer
Michael Seaman, DPSC Alternate

(ATTENDANCE: Jenny Dominguez, Todd Leras, Ricky Baretto, Mario Guerrero, Terri Leimbach, Cres Vellucci, Dana Ferry, Elliot Cavanaugh, Chris Brieno, Karen Bernal, Michael Seaman.)

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

- Quorum established, pledge given, correspondence none, minutes from August 2013 approved except for insertion of "Motion was withdrawn" re: a vote for an early endorsement of Maggy Krell.

Officer Reports:

- President Ferry noted the high turnover on the board, and discussed reaching out for board positions and general membership with labor community, legislative connections.
- VP Vellucci noted the DPSC meeting notes and distributed a report.
- Treasurer Leimbach said bank account was \$405.95 (4 renewed members) plus a monthly charge was refunded by the bank.
- Legal Officer Cavanaugh reported on Legislative Committee meeting attended by him and Cres, and said would do a poll to set up next meeting. Said that committee discussed county and city(ies) council and board meeting to monitor legislation relating to veterans. Mario suggested meeting with county supervisors and cities elected first.

Old Business:

- Candidate Questionnaire was approved (Michael moved, Mario 2d. Unanimously)
- Update Mental health Summit – Dana reported it was packed and designed to meet needs of vets and families, although there was no real network from VA to community programs.
- Michael noted DemVets should reach out to Electeds to join. Cres said he would have a letter ready by next meeting to electeds invited them to join club, and offering to serve as a resource for veterans affairs for them and their offices.

New Business:

- Dana said the Little Hoover Commission Report on Veterans had good material, was available online.
- Alex Regan, it was reported, said she will organize a mixer/social event for DemVets.

Announcements:

- DemVets elections Nov. 26; Dec. 24 meeting cancelled. No objections.
- Arden Park District has a 9/28 fundraiser.

Speaker:

- Jenny Dominguez, River City Food Bank, CalFresh: She said "25 percent of people we see at CalFresh are veterans." She added that only 1 in 10 eligible veterans are participating...vets don't understand that people without families can apply. Gross income doesn't apply to those over 60 and veterans....she noted VA Mather is a good venue. Cres said he would be in contact with her to possibly hold a joint news conference about the program, and its connection to veterans in the county.