



MEETING MINUTES

July 9th, 2013

Officers Present -

Dana Ferry, President
Cres Vellucci, 2nd Vice President
Joyce Childs, Membership Chair
Terri Leimback, Treasurer
Mario Guerrero, Recorder
Elliot Cavanaugh, Legal Officer
Michael Seaman, DPSC Alternate
Lawson Stuart, Past President

Meeting Called to Order at 1813, Dana Ferry Presiding.

- A quorum was present.
- June E-Board Meeting minutes from the prior meeting, approved unanimously with one abstention

Reports-

- President: First Priority is membership; recap of July 4th parade, our participation was applauded, new members added.
- Vice President: Recap of extraordinarily hot weather, north of one hundred and ten degrees, got information from a vet during the course of the parade.
- Treasurer: \$241.93 in our bank account presently, more funds received at the July 4th parade
- Recorder: Mario could not make it this evening... Correction, Mario attended at approximately 7pm
- Legal Officer:
Local issues, getting involved, putting together the legal committee during-at the

Business- Unfinished:

- Dana visited the Veteran Community Center, it needs attention urgently to move it forward, Dana volunteered to assist with social media, he may lose the property

without assistance, we do not have the financial resources to assist, a rebuild pay was proposed by Michael D. Williams, there is no coordination of assistance or resources at this time, Williams is working on fixing the roof to allow the property to be refinanced, on site meetings are tentatively scheduled for Thursdays at 6pm beginning July 18th 2013.

- Candidate Endorsement Questionnaire: Suggestions were made and heard pertaining to questionnaire amendments

New:

- Legislation & Veterans' Courts
- SB391 (DeSaulnier) was discussed, the bill would impose a \$75 fee on the recoding of every real estate legal instrument required by law
- SB283 (Hancock) was discussed, this bill would reverse the ban on individuals whom have been barred from receiving SNAP program assistance if they have prior convictions for drug possession, transportation and distribution
- Fracking Petition was discussed, asking for a moratorium until more information is known about the long term environmental externalities associated with the practice, Mitchell's prior bill addressing this issue died on the Assembly Floor, motion passed to recommend endorsement to the general assembly.
- Dr. Richard Pan's Assembly Bill AJR19 to reinstate veterans' benefits for those individuals discharged under "don't ask, don't tell"

- Upcoming Outreach Events

State Fair Booth: We are uncertain at this time what shifts we are or are not going to be working, until further notice from Kerry

Veterans' Summit: Town hall meeting coming up with Ami Berra, we are currently working out having a presence at this informative event,

- Membership Campaign Discussion

Membership Plan: Revamped membership fee structure and timetable, hardship/reduced membership dues were discussed, specifically, Article 2, Section 1: "Financial hardship shall not prevent membership" We are still working out what the plan forward is going to be, whether that means the bylaws are going to be amended or not is still to be determined. Recruitment matters, specifically the time allocated for membership expansion discussion, was reported to the board, social events and incentives were proposed, the Joyce's Membership Plan was forwarded to everyone on the E-Board via Dana for review.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm