

Halifax Chapter Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pierre Louis at 1000. He announced that this is the last meeting until September.
2. Present were President (Louis), Treasurer (Hoffman), 1st VP (Ramos), Directors (Giampietro and Grubic). Also, present were Don Amiotte - Officers Call Publisher, Billie Krueger - Christmas Party Chairman, Skip Keating – Army ROTC liaison, and Jim Ivey – Membership. A quorum was established. Absent was Director (Maas) and 2nd VP (Chaffee) and Past President (Leary)
3. Drew Hoffman presented the financial report. Checking account balance as of 5/5/2019 was \$5022.88. It was noted that this was the lowest balance in several years and at the current rate, our checking account balance will be \$900 next year. Motion by Grubic to accept the financial report seconded and approved.
4. Minutes from April meeting were reviewed with a minor correction to the number of new members approved from 4 to 3. Motion by Hoffman to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded and approved.
5. Amiotte presented the Officers Call status since Mark Simcoe passed away. He is in need of production support. Billie Krueger volunteered her husband to help pending his approval.
6. Ivey presented the membership statistics. He obtained the list of National Members who are not local members. Krueger volunteered to call each of the 132 officers for potential membership. Ivey asked that four new members be approved: Stephen Walsh (MAJ, USA Ret); Susan McLay Weis (surviving spouse); Ben Taylor (LCDR, USNR Ret); Thomas Baker (MAJ USA/USMC Ret). Carolyn Caputo application was deferred. All others were approved.
7. Krueger went through the status of Christmas Party planning. All is in order with entertainment with Tobias and the date with the club of December 19, 2019. The menu is in development.
8. Louis went through the unfinished business of Policy, Procedures, and West Volusia Community Grant, all of which remain unfinished.

New Business:

1. Louis mentioned that the Florida Council meeting is in June and he appears to be the lone attendee from the chapter.
2. Ramos reported that the baseball outing on May 24 at this time has 22 members signed up and sign-ups can continue to 5/9.
3. Level of Excellence application was submitted.

4. Keating mentioned that an outing is planned for the October 2019 meeting at the Veterans Museum in Daytona Beach with a luncheon planned locally and a tour of the nearby chocolate factory. He also mentioned the various ceremonies planned for Memorial Day at the Rockefeller Casements (Kim Ramos speaking) and another veteran's ceremony at the Performing Arts Center in Ormond Beach on May 26 with patriotic music (Vicki Leignadier speaking). He named the various volunteers at the last Bagels and Bingo and showed the appreciation award that the chapter received from the Emory L. Bennett Memorial Veterans Nursing Home.

5. Ron Giampietro was nominated as our Patriot of the Year.

6. Grubic expressed concern about the poor turnout at the ROTC awards dinner. It was mentioned that some members thought it was just a ceremony and did not recognize that the cadets and midshipmen were there for dinner as well. It was suggested that the next year event be renamed to "Dinner with the Cadets and Midshipmen".

7. Giampietro mentioned that we still need an NROTC liaison and suggested we ask for volunteers at the next luncheon.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 1115.