

Marine Corps League
Maj. Stephen W Pless Det. 1196
Minutes of September 17, 2024

The meeting was opened per ritual by Commandant Larry Heard at 1900.

A roll call of officers found all present with the exception of Judge Advocate Carol Griffin and Chaplain Ronnie Griffin, who were excused. A quorum was present.

Guests were David Delgado and his wife Claudia.

The minutes of the previous meeting were posted to the website, Harold Webb made the motion that they be approved as posted, and it was second by Michael Vernon. The minutes were passed by the Detachment.

Correspondence: None.

Paymaster's Report: The paymaster's report was read by Lisa Delk. A motion to approve pending financial review was made by Harry McCann and Roscoe Foster was second, it was passed by the Detachment.

Chaplain's Report: Randy Barnes reported for the Chaplain. Russ Vermillion is "hanging in there" in his treatment for Stage 1 cancer in his throat.

Officer Reports:

Commandant: Larry Heard advised that he was contacted by Daniel Ham in reference to the Kiwanis Fair and whether we wanted to put up a tent. There was discussion that it would likely be of no benefit to the Detachment and it was voted not to participate due to it being a week-long event and would require someone there each day, Harry McCann made the motion and Gordon Wimberly was second, it was passed by the Detachment.

Senior Vice Commandant: No report.

Junior Vice Commandant: No report

Judge Advocate: Lisa Delk reported for the Judge Advocate that the new National By-Laws have been posted to the National Library of the National website.

Junior Past Commandant: Lisa advised the members that the Department of Georgia will be increasing the amount of dues we pay in the amount of \$5.00. This will be addressed in future a meeting.

Standing Committees

Birthday Ball: The sponsor forms and ticket forms for the Ball are available, tickets are \$50.00 each and sponsorship is \$225.00. The Ball will be at Barnstormers Grill and Event Center on November 9th. Practice dates are Oct.10, Oct 24, and Nov. 8, at 1830 at Barnstormers. If you are interested in participating or assisting, please join us on those days.

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Boy Scouts: Nothing to report.

Fund Raising Committee: It was decided that our event will be a car show with the date being in April or May. Details are still being worked out, such as location. The show will be open to cars and trucks. We will need a sound system to play "Oldies type music" as well as food truck(s). It should be advertised on social media and flyers and possibly banners. We will need members to pitch in and help with all phases of such an event on the day of the event.

Finance Committee: No report.

Historian: No report

Honor Guard: Since our last meeting two funerals and the 9-11 Ceremony in McDonough.

Marine of the Year: Raak Patel wants the previous recipients of the award to meet before the next meeting to vote.

Marine for Life: Nothing to report, the program is changing at National.

Military affairs: Nothing to report.

Quartermaster: No report

Toys for Tots: Raak reported on attending the training and that the Marine Corps League is just about handling all of the program.

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Our Detachment will be hosting the next Department quarterly meeting and it will be at the Re/Max building in Griffin, other arrangements will need to be handled.

Good of the League: Roscoe Foster advised that he needs to find a place to store the Toys for Tots train due to losing his storage area.

Our new website is MCL 1196.org, if you have not seen it, check it out.

The Chili Cook-Off is October 12. If you plan to attend, get your recipes ready. It will be our 5th annual. Cooking on site only.

There was much discussion on finding a new location to meet. It is still undecided.

The meeting was closed per ritual at 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russ Vermillion, Adjutant