

Marine Corps League of Pennsylvania, Inc.
1631 Bridge Street,
New Cumberland, PA 17070

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
October 23, 2009 at the MCL of PA Dept. Headquarters

The elected Board of Trustees, Marine Corps League of PA, Inc met in Executive session on October 23, 2009

Commandant Leanna Dietrich opened the meeting at 2030 with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff followed by the opening prayer by Chaplain Johnny Gill.

Adjutant Eric Fussenegger called the roll of elected officers as follows:

Commandant Leanna Dietrich, present
Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley, present
Jr. Vice Commandant Gordy Sheriff, present
Jr. Past Commandant Dick Brown, present
Judge Advocate Ed Ringer, present
Paymaster Kathy Van Gorder, present
Adjutant Eric Fussenegger, present
Chaplain Johnny Gill, present
Central District Vice Commandant Gary German, present
Northeast District Vice Commandant Edmund Pienta, present
Assistant Northwest District Vice Commandant William P. Smith, present
Southeast District Vice Commandant William Miller, present
Southwest District Vice Commandant Jim Walters, present
Others present were: Chief of Staff PDC Paul Semanco, Aide de Camp Anthony Capelli, Assistant Judge Advocate Joseph Best, Northeast District Aide de Camp Tony Kowalski, PDC Dave Pavey

Minutes of previous meeting: Sr. Vice Commandant Neil Corley made the motion to accept the minutes of the June 28, 2009 meeting. Jr. Vice Gordy Sheriff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Correspondence: None

Issues/Concerns:

- Dedication of Saturday Board of Trustee's meeting to PDC Jack Davis and Charles Hollon Jr. – Bill Miller and Neil Corley will make the motion.
- Veteran's Day ceremony – 8 November 2009 at the National Cemetery Indiantown Gap – 1400 Massing of the Colors
- Roast and Toast to PDC Dick Brown
- Commandant's Council – Attendance is important so the Detachments know we are listening to their concerns.
- 10 December 2009 is the deadline for the January reports
- Mailing for January meetings – Need a working party at Headquarters on 14 November to help get the mailing ready
- Strength/Installation report issues
- Three District meetings and the Staff was not notified
- Newsletter/Facebook – Will be reviewed at the BOT meeting on Saturday
- Resignations:
 - Hal Foss: Newsletter Editor – Hal will no longer be the editor of the Newsletter
 - Leanna Dietrich: Awards Committee – Leanna's stepping down

- Appointments:
 - Tom Hazlett: Awards
 - Ashley McCleaster: Public Relations

Commandant called for any reports from officers present:

- Sr. Vice: Neil Corley spoke about sticking with Programs
- Jr. Vice: Gordy Sheriff spoke about the continued sale of the V&Y tickets and calendar program
- Judge Advocate: Spoke about medals and awards being downgraded. The discussion that followed ended with the suggestion that more documentation showing the achievements could and should be provided with the award/medal write-up.
- Paymaster: Spoke about Department financial losses due to the Market conditions. She reported that the Department Audit went well and that the 990 was filed
- Adjutant: No new report since last BOT meeting on June 24, 2009
- Chaplain: No new report since last BOT meeting on June 24, 2009
- Central Vice: Has Plaques
- NE Vice: No new report since last BOT meeting on June 24, 2009
- NW Vice: No new report since last BOT meeting on June 24, 2009
- SE Vice: Working on JROTC program
- SW Vice: No luck finding any Assistants

Unfinished Business:

- Roast of PDC Brown will be held at FITG Bldg 8-80 on October 24, 2009 at 1800. Per PNC Hastings tickets are still available
- Young Marines: Commandant Bill Woods
- New Detachment progress:
 - Tobyhanna: Nothing new to report
 - Berwick: Nothing new to report
 - Greater Greensburg: On hold
 - PUX: Nothing new to report
- Department Bylaws: Have been approved by the National JA
- Department Truck Transfer: Complete
- Laptop, case and speaker purchase: Complete
- Wireless access for Department use: Eric Fussenegger has preliminary info but will continue looking in to.

New Business:

- Southwest Veterans Advisory Board
- 2011 National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh – Jim Walters will run with this.
- Recruiting/retention ideas:
 - New Members: \$10 membership plus Detachment dues starting immediately. Department waives dues and pay \$13 balance to National. Average is 30% new a year
 - Retention: Anyone whose dues were due prior to July 1, 2009 can renew at a cost of \$10 plus Detachment dues starting immediately. Department waives dues and pay \$8 balance to National.

Good of the League:

- There was much discussion pertaining to Communications all the way around
- Commandant Dietrich requested that Sr. Vice Corley look in to the Distinguished Citizen Silver award write-ups for the January 2010 meeting
- Commandant Dietrich mentioned that we are looking for a one year Convention Bid for 2012

- Commandant Dietrich mentioned that Staff Pictures need taken in the Red Blazer for the Convention book. She would also like a group picture taken. She will follow up with Barry Morrisette to see if he will take the pictures.
- Commandant Dietrich stated she wanted a picture taken of the Officers tomorrow for the new Facebook page.

Announcements: The next BOT meeting will be January 8th, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Grantville

There being no further business, the meeting proceeded to close with the closing prayer by Chaplain Gill and a salute to the Colors.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric E. Fussenegger
Department Adjutant