

MINUTES
DEPARTMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
DELAWARE, OHIO

Call to Order

Chairman Harold Savage called the Department Finance Committee meeting to order at 6:02 pm Wednesday, November 10, 2021, per Conference Call.

Salute to the Colors

Chairman Harold Savage led the pledge of Allegiance.

Adjutant Hall gave the invocation.

Roll Call

Members present:

Jean Wilson (4) Department Commander, (9), Department Treasurer, Robert Wilson (4), Finance Chairman, Harold Savage (1), Jose Rivera, Member (9) Holly Lewis, Member (10)

Guests Present:

Ben Antonelli, Rea & Associates, Nancy Saum, Rea & Associates, Brad Teis, (10) 1st Vice Commander Charles Stennis (9) 2nd Vice Department Commander, Eric Hall, Department Adjutant, Rebecca Corbin, Fiscal Secretary

Reading of Previous Minutes

Jose Rivera made a motion to accept the previous finance minutes as printed seconded by Holly Lewis.

MOTION PASSED

Update from Rea & Associates

Ben Antonelli gave an update on the PL for the first physical quarter through September 30, 2021. Ben provided a Quick books report that shows the current line items and summarized the current year's information from the Desktop version of QuickBooks. Each Program has its column, which shows the breakdown of the funds.

Ben stated that the QuickBooks desktop version is easier to work with and has options to add or remove line items to have a clean report.

Ben stated that when the access change by removing Suzette Heller to Eric Hall for the investment accounts, the amount will be reflected on totals to the PL for the past three months.

Charles Stennis, 2nd Vice Commander, commented on the Special Olympics account regarding the \$25,000.00 endowment, and with BBS amounts are split in-between years. The Baseball program lost around \$30,000.00 this year.

Harold Savage, the Chairman, stated he would like to see the non-operating accounts removed from the P&L to simplify the report.

Holly Lewis, the member, also suggested an activity review at the end of the year to help plan for the following year.

Unfinished Business

No Unfinished Business

New Business

Commander Wilson is working with Jeff Vrabel, SAL, on creating a Legion license plate to help raise money to help with the baseball program. Jeff Vrabel will update the Committee on the next Finance call.

Member Holly Lewis motioned to approve the allocation for monies made from the Legion license plates to go towards the Baseball program and seconded by Jose Rivera.

MOTION PASSED

Rebecca Corbin explained the problems that we are having with Huntington Bank. Huntington Bank charges us \$45.00 monthly per account. More time and money spent on sending monies back to Squadrons since checks a not made out correctly. Treasurer Wilson and Adjutant Hall stated that Chase has better customer service.

Member Holly Lewis motioned to move all accounts from Huntington back to Chase bank, seconded by Jose Rivera.

MOTION PASSED

Shealy's Furniture Store donated around \$12,000.00. The Finance Committee agreed to put monies in the General Fund for future use.

Member Holly Lewis made a motion to donate from Shealys in the General Fund, seconded by Jose Rivera.

MOTION PASSED

There was a discussion regarding buying the district's laptops to help with communication and a better way to receive information. Holly Lewis stated that each computer would cost 250.00 each. We will have a further discussion later.

Department Credit Cards

Commander Wilson stated that a credit card policy needs to be drafted and signed by each person who uses an American Legion Department credit card. Rebecca Corbin will provide a list of all persons who have a card. Adjutant Hall will check in to different banks to see if there is a better deal with the number of cards.

Commander Wilson wants to make sure the Honor Flight money collected will be presented to the Honor Flight. Commander Wilson will check on the best way to divide the money for each area.

Member Jose Rivera made a motion to give collected money to the Honor Flight, seconded by Holly Lewis.

MOTION PASSED

Good of the Legion

The next Conference Call will be on Wednesday, March 09, 2022, @ 6:00 pm.

Benediction – Eric Hall, Adjutant

Meeting Adjourn- Salute colors @ 7:08pm