



Spectre Association, Inc.

PO Box 707
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SPECTRE BOARD MEETING Minutes

Tuesday, February 7 2023, 6pm

BOARD MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
x	Fred Taylor	President
x	Bill Walter	Vice President
x	Duane Spencer	Treasurer/Board Member
x	Ed Rodriguez	Quartermaster/Board Member
x	Jerry Michaud	Board Member
x	Darren Vitalo	Board Member
x	Ski Gonsowski	Board Member
x	Norm Evans	Board Member
x	Ed Metz	Board Member
x	Kevin Moyer	Board Member
x	Larry Peterson (Lil Pete)	Board Member
x	PJ Cook	Webmaster
x	Amanda Murray	Secretary

CALL TO ORDER:

There was an ongoing discussion prior to the meeting about our history. Bill introduced Andrew who is Public Affairs for the 1st SOW. Andrew wants to connect with gunship veterans and tell our story. Bill briefly tells a story as it relates to us for Andrew. After that Andrew left. Fred conducted and chaired the meeting. Fred called the meeting to order shortly after 6 central. All noted board members were present. Fred welcomed the board members who were on the phone and those who were at the VFW in-person. Fred took roll and thanked the members for their attendance. He also made aware the folks taking over for treasury (Duane, with Ed R as secondary) and secretary (Amanda).

REPORTS:

- TREASURER REPORT:
 - Ed R reported the following:

Checking Account	***1517	\$10,483.76
Gunner Jack Fund	***0419	\$9,898.97
Operating Fund	***4462	\$15,236.04



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Scholarship Fund	***4187	\$15,162.18
Regions Total:		\$50,780.25
MS BOND	***5437	\$25,023.75
Total		\$75,804.03

It was discussed that the operating fund could be used for any other expenses such as the reunion. Also the bond responsibility will have to “get a handle on.” Ed also mentioned the corporation report was \$75. A motion was made to approve and accept the treasurer’s report. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Ed R continued on with the quartermaster report (below).

- **QUARTERMASTER REPORT:**

- Ed R reported:
 - He asked if everyone saw the email with the report and everyone did say they saw it. Immediately there was a motion to approve accept the report. The motion was accepted.
 - Ed R went over sales as per the report. He said it did pretty well this year in comparison to the past. He also noted that what was color coded green is what our actual inventory sales are and that state taxes are due.
 - In 2017 we had a tax refund for \$49.19 that they were unaware of.
 - Paypal was forgetting to tax certain purchases. New calculations will include this. Also, memberships and donations are not taxed but paypal does charge a fee.
 - He goes through what was sent in the email.
 - Unsure if 2016 tax information was submitted and noted that he has to follow up with accountant.
 - Long sleeve shirts are selling well. New polo shirts are ordered but haven’t arrived yet. New keyholder tags and patches are selling well. Fred asked why the merchandise is selling more and Ed R said it’s probably because of the new designs and new stuff available.
 - USPS raised rates. Now \$10 to \$20 for shipments under \$50.
 - Confusion noted for sales tax in 2016 and 2017. State says we owe them (even though we had a refund in 2017). Inventory is taxed. Shipments are not included- state doesn’t require taxes.

OLD BUSINESS: none discussed; went straight to reunion planning.

DISCUSSION:

- Reunion Planning
 - Bill sent out schedule for 2023 reunion. Suggestion for Thursday night registration to set up tables in the hallway in order to get people into the store.
 - Fred asked about the guest speaker. Bill stated Col Connors is a possible guest speaker but unsure of availability as of yet. Col Black is a possibility if Col Connors isn’t available.
 - Ed R brought up the menu. Wants to base attendance on last years attendance. Fred states we have until the last month to really figure this out. Apparently the chef (at the hotel) was pretty bad back in December- they got a new chef.



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- Vito states that Tisha has a family situation going on. She's the venue POC. But he'll contact her after this meeting. Further discussion about food. Pizza on Sunday is a possibility. And it was discussed to have something cheap on Thursday.
 - Fred states he wants to try and get people, such as lifetime members, out on Thursday. This will have to be put out on social media.
 - PJ states we need a link to the hotel. And a spotlight. Bill asked who was responsible for that and someone else says the VP (aka Bill- now he knows and will coordinate.)
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- OPEN
 - Pete states that the dedication for the AF Academy plaque has not been set. Also the out of town reunion needs to be set.
 - Some locations discussed for the out of town reunion are Wright-Patt OH, Branson MO, Nashville TN and Co Springs CO. In the survey that was done, it was noted that Wright-Patt was number 1 by the voters followed by Branson MO, Co Springs CO and Nashville TN ranking last. It's noted that we will have to figure out something for the dedication if it's not in CO Springs.

ADJOURNEMENT

Fred asked for amotion to ajourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm central.

Secretary: Amanda Murray