



# Spectre Association, Inc.

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## SPECTRE BOARD MEETING Minutes

9 Jan 2024, 1800

### BOARD MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
x	Bill Walter	Temp President
	vacant	Vice President
x	Duane Spencer	Treasurer/Board Member
x	Ed Rodriguez	Quartermaster/Board Member
X	Jerry Michaud	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
At work	PJ Cook	Webmaster
x	Amanda Murray	Secretary/Board Member

**CALL TO ORDER:** Bill called the meeting to order at 1800 central. Immediately started with the reports below.

### REPORTS:

- **TREASURER REPORT:**
  - Duane reported the following:

Checking Account	***7424	\$2,364.64
Gunner Jack Fund	***7580	\$9,700.40
Operating Fund	***7238	\$20,805.25
Scholarship Fund	***7556	\$16,874.49
FMS BOND	***	\$25,045.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$74,790.28</b>

- Duane went over the treasurer's report from the email and provided exact numbers (listed above).



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- Both scholarship checks have been cashed finally.
  - Update on tax exempt status: Micah McDaniels at the IRS received the paperwork and stated it looked good and that it will be sent to his supervisor for review. There should be final approval within 2-3 weeks.
  - The state sales tax was paid for the last quarter of 2023. This must be filed each month starting in 2024.
  - Motion to accept the treasurer’s report at 1802; motion carried by unanimous vote.
- **QUARTERMASTER REPORT:**
    - Ed Rodriguez reported the following:
    - Received the 20oz tumblers just before Christmas. Dick picked them up and used Ed R’s credit card totaling \$514.02. There was a price increase but since it was a bulk order we did get a discount. There are 24 total for sale.
    - More zip-up hoodies have been picked up. Sizes available: M- 5, XL- 6, 2XL- 2
    - Women’s black v-neck (w/ embroidered Spectre image on left chest area) shirts are on order. Sizes ordered: S- 5, M- 5, L- 5, XL- 5
    - Got 500 Spectre stickers. Mentioned later on that we may sell for \$2.50 each to help fund future reunions.
    - The webpage is still having issues and for now PJ added a temporary link to the store. It is working and we have been getting orders. November was very slow partly due to just having the reunion and partly due to the malfunctioning website; December sales have picked up since.
    - Noted that he needs to double check the donations from the reunion still. We received many donations during the reunion.
    - Noted that Bill talked with the Armament Museum about the inventory we gave to them. They stated that it has been moving slow.
    - Went over end of year inventory (see table below). Noted that the hats are \*not\* included in the clothing qty, they are included in the accessories. Also noted that he started out with much more inventory than we have now because he found several unopened boxes of old merchandise from years back. He has been working diligently to sell the older merchandise along with the new stuff.
    - Asked Duane about the status of the membership report. This is still being worked. Ed R. did state that he has a spreadsheet and used the numbers from that when the state asked how many members we have. Also noted that annual memberships drop off each year.
    - Motion to accept the quartermaster’s report at 1813; motion carried by unanimous vote.

December		Sales							
Date	Gross Inventory Sales	State Taxes Due	Gross PayPal	PayPal Fees	Shipping & Handling	FL Sales Tax	Membership	Donations	Net Amount
<b>Totals--&gt;</b>	<b>\$1,651.78</b>	<b>\$115.62</b>	<b>\$2,342.53</b>	<b>-\$95.87</b>	<b>\$475.00</b>	<b>\$115.75</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$96.62</b>	<b>\$2,150.04</b>

**2023 (YTD) Spectre Association Transactions**



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	Inventory Sales Gross	FL Sales Tax Due	PayPal Gross	PayPal Fees	S&H	Membership	Donations	Net Deposit
Qtr-1	\$3,771.00	\$263.97	\$5,439.92	(\$79.14)	\$1,122.00	\$243.78	\$265.58	\$4,867.97
Qtr-2	\$3,506.00	\$245.42	\$4,866.28	(\$212.72)	\$985.00	\$75.00	\$289.86	\$4,273.72
Qtr-3	\$2,751.98	\$195.79	\$4,127.57	(\$184.21)	\$810.00	\$355.22	\$289.86	\$3,547.30
Qtr-4	\$8,467.70	\$494.09	\$9,069.70	(\$1.05)	\$770.00	\$200.00	\$8,298.92	\$9,201.72
<b>Total:</b>	\$18,496.68	\$1,199.27	\$23,503.47	(\$477.12)	\$3,687.00	\$9,144.22	\$9,144.22	\$21,890.71

### End of Year Inventory:

Total Items in Warehouse: <b>7,142</b>	Total <b>\$34894.43</b>
Total Clothing QTY: <b>668</b>	Total Clothing: <b>\$15353.00</b>
Total Accessories QTY: <b>6474</b>	Total Accessories: <b>\$19541.43</b>

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Bill discusses:
  - Bylaws: Noted that the proposed new bylaws are not all that different from the current “old” bylaws. One thing that did change is the membership categories and this is to make it less convoluted. The categories went down from 7 to 3. We all will have until the end of February to comment on the proposed bylaws. We will then propose them in the Oct business meeting for approval or rejection. Kevin asked about the bylaws in reference to keeping track of current members and stated that we still need to follow the current bylaws. He also asked how we can contact current lifetime members to which Bill said this is why we are currently going through and updating the membership rolls. He noted that many people get lifetime memberships but then move, change emails, change phone numbers and then we have no way to contact them.
  - Offsite reunion: We are good to go on the hotel and the \$500 deposit has been paid. Noted that Duane has been in contact with Kathy and that she said we need to figure out the meal choices that we would like; pretty much everything else is squared away.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Positions:
  - Bill: With the current aka “old” bylaws, we cannot nominate/elect more than 3 people.
  - Bill: Presidency position is currently vacant. Fred thought he had 1 more year because there was some confusion on continuance vs an extension. Noted that terms are 3 years and cannot be extended. The confusion came from other people who were able to “continue” their terms because their initial 3 year term is up and they have opted to go ahead with another 3 years within their respective positions.
  - Duane: Noted that we have to have the president position filled for the business license. There was some discussion on having a temp fill-in until the business meeting in October.
  - Kevin: Stated that it has to be someone within the board.
  - Bill: Said he can take it which will leave the VP position vacant. If anyone from the board wants to fill in as the temp VP **email Bill.**
- Name change proposal:



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- There were a handful of other members within the association present to discuss this.
- Matt Smith: Stated that with the current name, we are missing out on membership from the 3 other gunship squadrons. He asked what the draw is for new members and how we reach new members. He suggested that we make a survey to see what the masses think.
- Duane: Stated that we have had people go to the squadrons on more than one occasion but nobody was all that interested. We have even passed out free memberships but this was also met with a lukewarm response.
- Tony Millhouse: Said that he asked the 4<sup>th</sup> SOS students about joining this organization and that the students are not very interested because of the current name since they identify with the “Spooky” name instead.
- Bill: Noted that there are several lifetime members who are very involved within this organization and conversely, there are many more who are not. Noted that the ones who are involved said they would leave if the name changed. These are people who attend every single reunion, etc. Suggested that the others could create a new organization if they so choose- if they decide to formalize it, noted that we are currently a 501c3 organization and must follow current tax law along with our bylaws. If they do not want to create a formal organization (so as not to deal with the formalities) then they are free to organize an informal annual meeting/reunion etc if they want. Either way, he noted that we within the Spectre Association would be more than happy to join.
- Duane: Told both Matt and Tony to invite those who want the name change to the reunion in Dayton this year.
- There was then much discussion on this issue within all parties and it was noted that a name change has been brought up many times before and every single time, it was not favored.
- Bill: Stated that this is not ready for a board vote and this can be brought up at the business meeting in October.

### **BUSINESS: (around the horn)**

- Ed Metz: Likes the idea that we can join each other’s organizations (if another one is formed).
- Duane: Was looking at hotel costs to gauge an estimate for the 2025 reunion. Noted that 4 Points is \$223/night and The Island is \$233/night. Either way they are a bit more expensive.
- Kevin: In reply to Duane he said that it can be hard to find a place like The Island and that people from out of town like this place because of its convenience along with being footsteps away from the beach too. Most people are local to FWB as well so this effects a minority.
- Ed R.: the credit card reader helped us make more sales at the reunion. We cleared over \$8k in sales with it. The monthly fee is just over \$7 as well and if we use the credit card reader once per month, it will most likely make up for the fee. Even if we don’t, the overall fees are small in comparison to the sales.
- Duane: suggested we buy forever stamps from the post office and either selling them or raffling them.
- OPEN
  - More offsite reunion discussion
  - Spectre Association name change proposal



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- New website- possibly see about hiring a web designer and then passing it off to PJ to maintain it once created.

### **ADJOURNEMENT**

Bill asked for motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1917 central.

Secretary: Amanda Murray