

QUEENS COUNTY EXECUTIVE MEETING

NOVEMBER 5TH, 2008

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The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM by Commander Michael Honan. The colors of our great country were saluted, an opening prayer was read by acting Chaplain John Allison and the body recited the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted with minor corrections by a motion from Past District Commander Denis McEneaney, seconded by Acting Chaplain John Allison. A roll call of County Officers was taken and found all present except Chaplain Sica and Vice Commander Paul Schottenhamel. A roll call of the County Executive committee was taken and found all present except C. Alpert #301, J. O'Neill #298, G. Korb #298, J. Domfort #272 and J. Biehl #510. A quorum was present.

The Commander started the meeting by advising the committee of the agenda for the evening.

1. Voting on the Executive committee recommendation to the County Committee for Queens County VAVS Rep at Saint Albans
2. Veterans Day celebrations on 5th Avenue and at the re-dedication of the USS Intrepid.
3. The plan devised by PCC Winberry to open a N/A pub at Saint Albans for use by the residents.
4. National Commanders visit, dinner planning meeting.
5. Budget presentation by Budget Chairman and Treasurer.

The Commander advised the body that only two recommendations had been received for the position of VAVS Rep. and asked the body for recommendations from the floor. No additional recommendations were received.

1. Commander Honan set forth the guidelines for the Executive Committee discussion and voting procedure on the VAVS Rep. James Osborne #1424 and Thomas Winberry PCC #1424 were each to be given 5 minutes to state why they should be recommended by the Executive Committee, followed by a 2 minute dissertation by their supporters. Only the seven members of the Executive Committee and the five County Officers present are permitted to vote. The Commander shall vote only in case of a tie.

James Osborne spoke about his service to the VAVS as a Deputy under Frank Votto PCC and how he was not aware of his obligation to report discussions and actions taken by the VAVS Executive Committee.

Thomas Winberry PCC praised both James Osborne and Maurice Ahern PCC for all the work they have done at St. Albans and vowed to report back to the body on the actions taken at the VAVS Executive meeting should he be selected. Tom also spoke of the challenges facing the St. Albans campus and his desire to implement new programs for the residents.

Maurice Ahern PCC spoke in favor of James Osborne and how neither of them were aware of their obligation to report and advise the County Committee on their actions at St. Albans.

Harry Jahnke PCC spoke in favor of Thomas Winberry and felt assured that accountability to the County Committee would return under Tom's leadership.

At the request of the body, the Commander permitted additional speakers to voice their opinions on the subject. Legionnaires O'Sullivan, Casey, Adams, McEneaney and Allison all contributed to the discussion. Legionnaire Osborne requested additional time to state his case to the body, after a brief discussion with the body Commander Honan granted his request. The ballots were distributed by Master at Arms David Patterson PCC to the eligible voters.

Master at Arms Patterson collected the ballots and informed the Commander that the tally was not a tie and his vote was not required, he informed the

Commander of the results and **the Commander informed the body that Thomas X. Winberry was to be recommended to the County Committee for certification as the Queens County VAVS Rep.**

2. Commander Honan informed the body of the variety of events planned for Veterans Day. The annual Veterans Day parade along 5th Avenue, the re-dedication of the USS Intrepid and a celebration at St. Johns University campus.

3. PCC Winberry explained to the body his plan to operate a Non-Alcohol bar on the St. Albans campus. Planning for this endeavor was in its infancy and he would welcome input from all members. PCC Winberry also requested donations of bar material, signs, coasters, clocks and stirrers to make the bar as realistic as possible. Opening day is planned for after the first of the year.

4. Commander Honan informed the body that he had attended the National Commanders dinner planning meeting on Nov. 16th, 2008. Queens County has acquired 13 round tables at the rear of the hall and PCC Rodriguez and Pearsall and PDist.C McEneaney will serve with him on the dinner committee. PDC Casey will serve as ticket chairman. Dinner April 17th, 2009 at Antun's of Queens Village 7:30 PM.

5. The 2008-2009 budget was presented by Budget Chairman Joseph Thomassen PDistC and Treasurer Denis McEneaney PDistC. After a brief discussion **PDistC Thomassen motioned that the Executive Committee recommend to the County Committee acceptance of the budget as presented. Seconded by PCC O'Sullivan and passed by the body.**

Being no other business to come before the body **John Allison made a motion to adjourn seconded by PCC O'Sullivan and passed by the body.**

Acting Chaplain Allison recited the closing prayer the flag of our great nation was saluted and the Commander closed the meeting at 9:58PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Casey PDC

Acting Adjutant