



Finance Commission

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on April 30, 2016 in the Library Room of the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel by Vice Chairman Dennis Blue (MN).

Roll Call:

Chairman:	<u>Dr. Jerry Leopold (KS) - Deceased</u>	Members:	<u>Keith Murdough (NH)</u>
Vice Chairman:	<u>Dennis M. Blue (MN)</u>		<u>Harrell R. Sorrels (IN) - Absent</u>
Secretary:	<u>Robert Avery (NY)</u>		<u>Steven R. Honigfort (OH)</u>
	National Assistant Adjutant		<u>Robert W. Rosenboom (IA)</u>
Liaisons:	<u>Rick Cook (OK)</u>		
	<u>Byron Robichaux (LA)</u>		
	Past National Commanders		
Guests:	<u>PNC Kevin Winkelmann (TX), Robert Turner (CT), Bill Hill (MD), Gary P. Nelson (NJ), David Mennel (MI), Mark Nave (PA), Ray Jarvis (NY), Brian Kessler (IA)</u>		

Vice Chairman Dennis Blue (MN) opened the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of deceased Chairman Dr. Jerry Leopold (KS). Secretary Robert Avery read roll call indicating a quorum was present.

Reading of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

Keith Murdough read the minutes of the Fall 2015 meeting. There being no objections, the minutes of the Fall 2015 meeting were approved on a motion made by Keith Murdough and seconded by Steven Honigfort.

Old Business:

PNC Kevin Winkelmann questioned if the Commission had looked into a possible dues increase. Vice Chairman Blue noted the Commission does not recommend an increase at this time, but the matter could be looked at in the future.

New Business:

National Commander Kevin Collier spoke briefly and thanked the Commission for their hard work in the expense voucher process and wished them the best as they continue their work.

Leading Candidate for National Commander Jeff Frain thanked the Commission for its dedication and introduced the Vice Commander candidates for next year.

The Commission reviewed and discussed the expense and income reports from the 2014 and 2015 fiscal years. There are excess funds in our account from the 2015 budget even with the new call-in procedures.

PNC Rick Cook questioned the membership number we are using to establish income. Discussion followed.

PNC Kevin Winkelmann asked if we have separate accounting of officer travel expenses. Vice Chairman Blue noted the information is available to assist in budgeting.

PNC Winkelmann indicated that we seem to have sufficient funds to insure that the Commander and Vice Commanders are traveling to the various Detachments as part of their duties. It is important for the organization that the officers are not hindered in keeping in touch with the membership.

PNC Winkelmann asked if the Commission had looked into recommending a full call-in to both the Spring and Fall Meetings. Vice Chairman Blue noted that this suggestion can be better reviewed when we finish this fiscal year.



PNC Winkelman personally thanked the Commission for their work with the new system. Vice Commander Bill Hill suggested the expense form be made available on line in a fillable format. Vice Chairman Blue indicated that this was not necessary. Vice Chairman Blue stressed the importance of submitting receipts.

Resolutions:

Resolution 5-Spring 2016 regarding the budget line donation to CWF of \$5,000 was read and was approved after a motion was made by Keith Murdough and seconded by Steve Honigfort.

Resolution 6-Spring 2016 regarding the George B. Evans Veteran Advocate of the Year Award Recognition was read and was approved after a motion was made by Steve Honigfort and seconded by Keith Murdough.

For the Good of the Sons of The American Legion:

None

Closing:

With no further business to consider, Vice Chairman Dennis Blue (MN) closed the meeting at 11:16 AM .