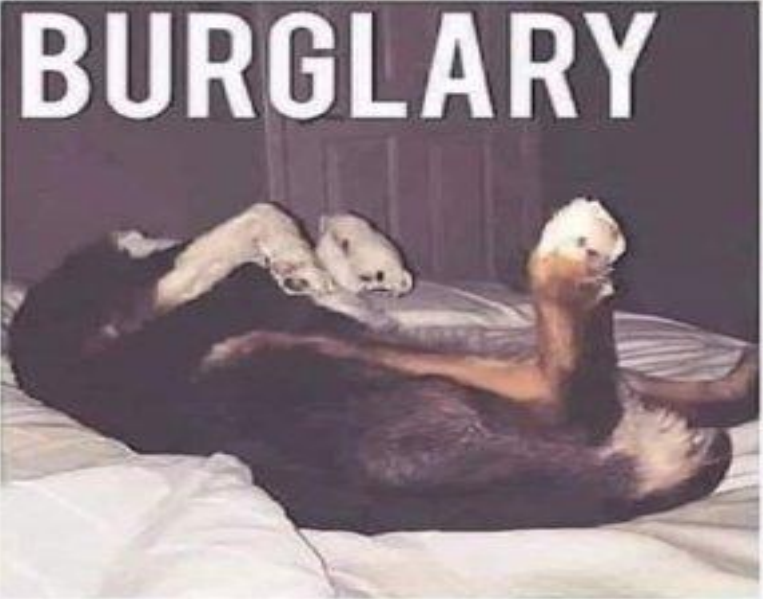


My dog Rocky



American Legion Post 315

Post Committee Meeting

10 May 21

We are the 8th largest post in Michigan

- National
 - 3% loss a year
 - 20 years will nearly be defunct
- Local
 - Onsted has 100 members
 - Sauk Valley has 150 members – hasn't had a Board Meeting in 3 months for lack of participation.
 - Tecumseh VFW and Legion small numbers
 - Adrian VFW closed

We are the 8th largest post in Michigan

- Why do folks come here?
 - People are here.
 - Bar
 - Membership
 - Service officer
- Why do folks leave their Posts?
 - No one there and nothing going on.
 - Bar
 - Bartenders not nice
 - No regular hours/food
 - Lack of financial transparency
 - Drama
- What time frame are we talking for this Legion's planning?
 - 20 years or 50 years

Purpose of Post Committee

- Give all three Units equal voice in Post affairs that concern them all.
- Committee is composed of nine members:
 - Commander/President of each Unit
 - 2IC of each Unit
 - One alternate from each Unit selected by Commander/President.
 - All votes will be done as long as a Quorum of 6 are present.
 - Make up of Committee and Auxiliary
- The issues concerning the Committee:
 - Bar
 - Building
 - Fund Raising
 - Web Site
- Shared costs/revenue are the price of entry.

Bar

- Bar is not on total probation.
- Why do we have a bar and do we need it? **Board says yes.**
- What do we expect out of the bar financials? Profit/Break even/Loss?
 - Bar currently losing \$2000-\$4000 a month. **Board wants “a little profit”**
 - Revenue/loss sharing.
- What do we consider bar allocated expenses?
 - Building, electricity costs? **Board says yes**
- Drink and food prices? Increase?
- Bar Manager situation:
 - Unable to hire and retain bartenders.
- Do we need table service? **Board says yes**

Bar

- Rental of the hall
 - It is part of the licensed premises and as such has all the same restrictions as the bar.
 - Price proposed:
 - Usage - \$270
 - Cleaning - \$150
 - Bartender/Legion Rep - \$80
- Proposed prices:
 - Veteran death- \$230 (if supported by a Unit should we charge cleaning or bartender?)
 - Member death - \$500 (Should this be the same as Veteran?)
 - Non member death - \$500
 - All other events - \$500
 - Should Unit Fund raisers be exempt? Who closes and cleans.

Building

- Cost sharing
- Why do we have a building and do we need it? **Board says yes**
 - Different location?
 - Different Building? **Board says same building same location**
 - Parking situation.
 - Rehab priority:
 - Driveway
 - Roof
 - Electricity
- Back Room
 - Are we ready for dinners
 - Are we ready for bands?

Fund Raising

- Revenue Sharing
- Single Unit Fund raising
- Multi Unit Fund Raising
- Single Unit Fund raising
- One person in charge
 - I need a button to push
- Must have clear goal
 - Only used for what is advertised

Web Site

- Cost sharing **Board approves**
- We have no way to communicate with members.
- Facebook is not the right platform.
- I would like to start a web site.
- I have a person who will set it up for us
 - She does Lucero's, Beach Bar, etc..
 - She will set it up for \$1500-1800 and \$100 a month for support.]
 - We will own the Site.
 - She envisions turning this over to us after a year but we do not.

Votes needed

- 20 or 50 years? **Board says 50**
- Shared costs/revenue on: **Board says yes**
 - Bar
 - Building
 - Fund raising
 - Web Site
- Bar:
 - Loss/break even/Profit
 - Cost allocation
 - Electricity/water/sewer
 - Some building costs

Votes needed

- Dinners after 1 Jul **Board votes yes**
- Bands after 1 Jul **Board votes yes**
- Rental Hall costs **Board votes yes**
 - Veterans
 - Members
 - Non-members
 - Unit Fund raising
- Web Site **Board votes yes**