

# American Legion Post 315

Post Committee Meeting

10 May 21

# We are the 8<sup>th</sup> 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
  - Tecumseh VFW and Legion small numbers
  - Arian VFW closed

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- 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.
- Revenue/loss sharing among Units.
- Why do we have a bar and do we need it?
- What do we expect out of the bar financials? Profit/Break even/Loss?
  - Bar currently losing \$2000-\$4000 a month.
- What do we consider bar allocated expenses?
  - Building, electricity costs?
- Drink and food prices? Increase?
- Do we need table service?

# 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 cleans and closes?

# Building

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

# Fund Raising

- Revenue Sharing
- 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

- 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.
- I am asking for shared costs on this.

# Decisions needed

- 20 or 50 years?
- Shared costs/revenue on:
  - 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
- Bands after 1 Jul
- Rental Hall costs
  - Veterans
  - Members
  - Non-members
  - Unit Fund raising
- Web Site