

Army Engineer Spouses Club

03 February 2016 Fairfax Village Community Center

Call to order: 1010

Attendees

Connie Semonite, Maggie DeMello, Sheila Kelly, Kay Burlin, Terri Stevens, Launa Brown, Laurel-Lee States

Minutes Approval:

December 2015 Minutes

Motion: Maggie DeMello Second: Sheila Kelly

President: Connie Semonite

Connie welcomed everyone back from our long break. Excited to be here with all the ladies! A huge thank you to Kay Burlin for bringing all the love to our meeting! Beautiful decorations and delicious food! We all thank you Kay!

January meeting might need to be moved to second week in January due to Christmas break conflicts.

Our April meeting is trying to be scheduled at the Fairfax. More details as soon as they are put in place.

(Connie at this point is ready to throw computer out window due to technical difficulties. Thank goodness they were resolved quickly!)

March meeting you will need to have your binder in order.

Julie Strock flipped a house and was featured in Southern Living Magazine. She has invited the board to come visit and tour her house. More details to follow as they become available.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

-BOSC: Make It, Bake It, Fake It-- TUES, FEB 9, 9:30 AM

-AOWCGWA: International Showcase, THUR, FEB 18, 10:30-1PM Spates Hall, 407 McNair Road, Fort Myer, VA

-BESC: The Fort Belvoir Scholarship Gala hosted by the Belvoir Enlisted Spouses' Club will take place on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at the Springfield, VA Hilton

Honorary Advisors:

Chief's Spouse: Renee Bostick SES Spouse: Jackie Caldwell

Vice President: Maggie DeMello / Dominique Wilt

Held January get together Jan. 20-bowling night.

February Couples Night-Feb 10-John Strongbows.

Start planning March outing-Wine/Beer tasting, Mar 26, 3 PM-Capital City Brewing Company in Shirlington, Please RSVP.

Secretary: Laurel-Lee States now playing the part of Lisa Stevenson

(I can't believe people actually want to get paid for doing this job! What a task!! LL)

Treasurer: Jessica Gregris

No report today.

I still need to process the last sale with Paypal transactions (which explains why we have a balance of \$900+ on our Paypal account).

Budget Committee Meeting?

Check your position for expenses for the remainder of year. May need to vote money moving.

AEMA Chairman: Erica Shaw

End of March deadline for applications.

Applications and information distributed to school liaisons.

Parliamentarian: Roz Riley

Membership: Jackie Caldwell

All Red Books mailed before and after the holidays.

My personal return address on envelopes...NONE RETURNED!

2nd copies of Red Books due to several board members. Will mail.

A limited number of Red Books (about a dozen) are available for \$5. Email me if interested.

Springfield Printing has been paid. Thank You sent to liaison.

100 Red Books were mailed out at \$.93 each. Remaining were hand delivered.

Laura updated web site for half a year memberships via Pay Pal.

Thank you again to Kara, Laura, Jessica and Kay, as well as proofreaders Connie and Roz!

WE STRIVE FOR PERFECTION!

Upcoming Goals:

I realize the membership year is "set in stone." We need to brainstorm!! The Membership year is not conducive to early and expeditious membership renewals/new/rejoining.

July, August, early September membership is very slow due to summer vacations, summer PCS moves and change of routines. How can we JUMP START our membership year July 1 with new board members and membership? July 1st is an awkward time of year. In the past, we have not been able to begin membership drive any earlier due to closing out the financial year. Just a topic the next few months.

Would like for all Red Book sections to be completed and submitted by Oct 1. Then, the Excel membership would be the only issue. Any thoughts?

Hospitality: Terri Stevens

Tasks completed last month-Submitted this monthly report. Good job Terri!

Castle Gram: Allison Chamberlayne

Sent January Castle Gram to distribution January 11th.

Thank You Sheila Kelly for going into storage and finding pictures of Kitty Heiberg!

Thanks to Priscilla and Max Noah for helping with the Heiberg article!

Deadline for February Castle Gram is FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5th.

I am always looking for little nuggets of info that lead to some of the unique articles in the Castle Gram (Haines donation, Castle Ball....)

Thanks to Connie for the assist in pushing for submissions from the board!

February Castle Gram to distribution by February 7th.

Webmaster: Laura Putnam

Laura was working on website as we were meeting.

Need date for Award Brunch.

Sheila having issues with email, anyone else?

Circulation: Kara Anderson

Received the January Castle Gram electronically January 12 and distributed.

Copied and mailed 8 hard copies; copy costs were \$13.36.

Sent out invitations to local members regarding our bowling night (January) and couples night (February).

Upcoming Goals:

Assist Jackie with membership details/confirm additional Red Book purchases so extra copies could be mailed.

Adding half-year membership information to spreadsheet and distribution lists, as members are joining/renewing membership.

Ways and Means: Sheila Kelly

HUGE THANK YOU to Launa and Connie for a successful December sales event at Headquarters! Sales: \$2,194.87 (last year \$1761.64)

Continuing to update inventory to replenish from holiday sales.

Spoke with Laura regarding inventory item count on web: not at this time would need to upgrade and pay more. I will continue to be watchful of the merchandise on web.

Umbrellas on Members Only: Not as big of an interest as hoped. Sold and mailed two. Trouble with inquiry page, sending emails. Coordinate with Laura to help with this quandary.

Laura created an email for the Castle Boutique. Thank You!!

What an unexpected surprise to have a colored page the in Red Book! Thank You Jackie!!

Castle Lego Kit sales a big success! Let's have them at Wine/Beer tasting!

Through some investigative work found and established a relationship with the makers of the Castle Cookie Cutter. Now purchasing for \$3.00 less. They also sold medium and large cookie cutters to me at a discounted price because they are unable to sell them. Will offer these on the web and at events.

Received petty cash from Jessica for upcoming event.

Canceled Headquarters Castle Boutique event for their 2nd Quarter Governance Meeting due to blizzard. Will not be rescheduled per Headquarters.

New Castle Boutique sales for Leaders Emeritus on Monday, February 22nd from 9-2PM. Have two volunteers, will reach out to general membership for one or two more.

Postage on PayPal has increased: \$5.75 for envelope; \$11.95 for medium priority box. Was \$5.05 and \$11.30. Currently website charges: \$5.50; \$8.00 and \$12.00. Needs updated.

Castle Cookie Cutters reduced price on small cookie cutter. Sell for: Small \$10; Medium \$11 and Large \$12. Start with one of each: 3 for \$30 and on Members Only; \$25.

Welfare: Launa Brown

Miracle on 23rd Street had 6 volunteers participate in the Linden Resources Charitable Event. We received a very nice email from the Senior Vice President.

Wreath Sale ended in success!!!! The total profit was \$522!! Maybe a Spring one?

Wreaths Across America canceled due to weather was rescheduled for February 13th at 8:30.

Working on a service plan with Linden Resources.

Upcoming Goals:

Honor Flight starts again in April.

Thursday, March 24th a group of 30 of the 77 Medal of Honor recipients will be coming into DCA. Arrival: 1:30PM, American Airlines (Terminal C). No departure greeting. ***This is not an official Honor Flight. Join us and wear red to show your engineer spirit!

Saturday, April 2nd, Group: 95 veterans Honor Flight Dayton.

Get events on Facebook and to Laura for website.

Publicity/Historian: The part of Laurel-Lee will now be played by Lisa Stevenson

Several more scrapbook pages were created.

Retirement Residences: Kay Burlin

One new Engineer residence moved into Fairfax.

May have board meeting at Fairfax in April.

Knollwood Bake Sale: Priscilla Noah

The bake sale may need to be rescheduled due to date conflict.

Nominations: Bette Meuleners

Time for me to start asking if you'll consider staying in your position for another year. I know it's early, but according to the AESC constitution, as recently changed, we have to have a slate of at least the elected positions by April meeting. President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and AEMA Chairperson. I believe all of our board members in those positions are eligible to remain for the coming year, if they are willing to stay--hope they will!!

I'll be sending a message to the entire membership asking who would be interested in serving on AESC's board for 2016-2017. I'll put an article in the February Castle Gram about our nominations.

Suggest moving Elected nominations to 31 March with a vote in April.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, with the advice of her/his committee, shall present a slate, comprised of at least one candidate for each elective office, to the general membership no later than 30 April of each year.

Write-in nominations may be submitted, provided written consent of the nominee has been secured.

Election of officers should be held no later than 31 May of each year.

Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the active members voting.

Dates to Remember:

2 March, Wednesday-March Board Meeting

Adjournment: 12PM

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel-Lee States

AESC Acting Secretary