



Southwest Montana - Detachment #724

March 20, 2017

Executive Board Minutes

Present:

Commandant: Mike Lawson

Pay master: Bart

Adjutant : John Thompson

Sgt-at-Arms – Ron Peterson

James

Chaplain – Janet Wagner

Meeting called to order at 1900

1. Newsletter – delivery challenges. File was too big for DropBox.

Janet sent a google drive link. Some members had trouble with the link.

Sending in large manila envelopes cost \$1.40. Send in regular business size <10 sheets regular letter \$ 0.43. Only 20 of our members do not have email.

2. RAFFLES

- a. Firearm raffle \$1,361 dollars have been turned in. Sportsman's Warehouse overcharged us for the weapons, so they subtracted the cost of the posters from our refund. Winner will be pulled on Jun 10, 2017 at Melrose Town Wide Garage Sale.

b.50/50 Raffle - lets get it set up to start selling tickets after the Firearm raffle is done. Use Department money raffle as an example.'

c. Bart suggested we donate a book (6) our Det 724 firearm raffle tickets to the MCL convention for a raffle/silent auction prize.

### 3. Finances

- a. Bart provided copies of the finance report, discussed the new forms a) request for funds b) reimbursement form.
- b. Expenditures need to be covered by a fund raiser.
- c. The new display cases were not budgeted, so been a challenge to cover all the costs. Still need to get the glass. We should get 3 bids before purchasing the glass. Bob has been busy, will get back on this project in a week or two.
- d. Write a contract for the rental of the building and storage space. Need one for Ladies Auxillary and the VFW.

### 4. Spring Clean up day needs to be set. General clean up, fix a gate.

Have a BBQ after work is done.

### 5. Conventions

- a. Steve Tozzi wants to run for Department Commandant. Mike asked him to wait a year so current Commandant can server 2 years.
- b. SW MT Convention in Anaconda, would be nice to have our Detachment well represented,.
- c. MCL NW Division is in Sep in Spokane, WA
- d. MCL National Convention is Aug 13 -1 8 in Kansas City.

### 6. Membership - Installation

- a. Goal from National is to achieve members less than 50 years old equal to members over 50 years old. We need to do something about the suicide rate. We should be mentoring them when they come home.
- b. When is Marjorie Nye's funeral service ?
- c. This Thursday membership meeting will run long. Jim Bonner and Bob Hames will be officiating the installation of officers. Mike will host their visit and give them a tour of Butte on Friday.