

ASMC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

12 Oct 11

The meeting was called to order at approximately 1430 by Leah Hodge

ATTENDEES:

Leah Hodge, President
Rebecca Ostrander, Hurlburt Vice President
Sharon Pedersen, Secretary
Kent Fitzgerald, Membership
April Chapel, Treasurer
Kaci Harris, Programs
Brianna Hoppel, Community Activities
Donna Schulist, Education
Cleo Battle, Ways and Means
Jason Guzardo, IT
Major Glenn, Awards

After calling the meeting to order, Leah Hodge took a vote on the virtual minutes which were approved. She then announced Brianna Hoppel as the winner of the newsletter competition. Leah emphasized the fact Brianna had not known about the competition, therefore, she could keep her prize. However, now that all executive council members know - they can no longer participate for a prize.

Going over other news worthy topics, Laura Gamble highlighted the efforts of Nicole Smith and Mr James Collette, the manager of Dollar General in Crestview. Dollar General is now a community partner. Their picture was in the Armed Forces Comptroller for supporting the troops overseas with toiletry and other needed items. They also were featured in our own Newsletter for Sep. Their current endeavor is called 'treat the feet' providing socks and powder for our deployed troops.

Dedra Hickman, covered the progress of RPDS. She stated the Community Service Committee is working on the letters for the Golf tournament. She also affirmed the schedule is nearly finalized. Leah requested the RPDS committee scale back attendance expectations and relate those reduced numbers to the Treasurer for inclusion in the budget (to fully understand how short our budget may be and what we would have to cut if attendance is not what we need for current budget requirements).

Donna Schulist, discussed the scholarship initiative timeline. The plan is to present scholarships in Jul.

Because everyone is so overwhelmed with email, there was much discussion on this topic. Leah took a vote to determine if emails should be consolidated by committee or if they should continue as is – being sent out as needed. The consensus was to be sent out as needed but to restrict to one per week per committee where possible. This allows Publicity to send as received in order to avoid any confusion or missteps; we requested committees consolidate items as best possible and use title of email to relate dates, events, etc to members for quick decision on whether to read or delete.

Leah discussed the efforts of changing the tax status with the IRS. The document to do this is extremely lengthy. Nicole Smith and Amy Tolar are working this task.

Cleo updated the council on the various efforts of our fund raisers. The carwash raised \$200. The Ways and Means committee would like to hold at least one more. Leah said the rules of engagement were to

advise her as well as Jennifer and Cleo of any fund raisers. Because of the various rules for holding these, they need to be in the loop.

Jason is looking at providing a dropdown list of previous RPDI participants. He's hoping this will facilitate an easier process for registering for the RPDI. He believes he can do this at no additional cost.

Because the next luncheon is for the various charities, Brianna talked about how donations could be made. Leah suggested Brianna get with the individual charities and find out their needs and publish a list in the upcoming newsletter. The items could be brought to the luncheon. Brianna also announced there were 20 people signed up for the Saturday build event with Habitat for Humanity.

Major Glenn is diligently working the awards program. She is in the process of comprising a matrix and is in contact with ASMC headquarters to iron out some questions. In order to promote the program, she plans to publish an article in our newsletter for the month of Nov.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1540.

Recorded by: Sharon Pedersen, Secretary, Gulf Coast Chapter