



## **Sons of the American Legion**

Squadron 354

### **Minutes of the General Meeting**

9 March 2025

### **Meeting Minutes**

Location: Buena Park American Legion Post 354

#### **Call to Order**

- Meeting was called to order by Armando Macias at 11.00AM.

#### **Roll Call and Silence**

- Initiated the meeting with roll call.
- Observance for departed comrades and past members of the organization with a moment of silence.

#### **Financial Report**

- Starting Balance: \$4,867.79
- Deposits: \$279 from Taco Tuesday and membership dues.
- Current Balance: \$5,146.79
- Previous balance was \$5,734; efforts are ongoing to rectify the accounting discrepancies.
- Emphasis on maintaining hard copies of all receipts for transparency.
- A check for \$29.97 was issued to Raul for expenses incurred.

#### **Breakfast and Event Scheduling**

- Confusion and issues regarding the scheduling of breakfast events, particularly due to last-minute changes.
- Discussion on maintaining better communication and ensuring events are scheduled and communicated effectively.
- No breakfast planned until the next regular rotation due to scheduling conflicts.

#### **Taco Tuesday and Upcoming Events**

- Confirmation of Taco Tuesday on the 11th with a planned menu.
- Enchiladas with fideo and dessert scheduled for an upcoming event.
- Discussion on using larger tortillas and providing generous portions to guests.

### **Music and Entertainment**

- Loss of patrons noted with the absence of a DJ; suggestion to open events to non-members to increase attendance.
- Consideration of live bands or DJ for future events to attract more guests.
- Emphasis on inviting local community to events to increase turnout.

### **Facilities and Equipment**

- Discussion of purchasing covers and organizing the storage of equipment to clear space.
- Received donation of a new freezer; plans to discard old equipment.
- Planning for the repair and maintenance of the outdoor barbecue grill.

### **Old Business**

- Recap of financial transactions from past events.
- Discussion on ongoing fundraising through ticket sales for bottled item raffles.

### **Meeting Adjustment Proposal**

- Proposal to move regular meetings to Tuesday evenings for better attendance and participation.
- Motion was put to vote and accepted to change meeting days.

### **Fundraising and Community Engagement**

- Ideas thrown around for future events like chili cook-offs, live bands, and beer bundle sales.
- Suggestion to draft a proposal for a Legion-supported event with potential beer sales.

### **Membership and New Business**

- Introduction of new members and discussion on streamlining membership applications.
- Implementation of automated payment systems for event transactions.
- Proposal to hold more community-involved events to raise money and visibility.

### **Closing Remarks**

- General agreement to maintain open communication, continue efforts to raise funds, and improve community engagement.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:08 PM.

### **Minutes Submitted by**

- Armando Macias, Sons Commander