

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

Saturday, January 15, 2011

Library, Sons of Utah Pioneers Building, 3301 East 2920 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

Executives in Attendance:

Col Jerome Gourley via landline, Ltc Max Jamison, Maj Glade Nelson, Maj Johnny Hayes, Maj Anthon Jeppesen, Maj Roger Grua, Maj Alan Jamison, Maj Jennifer Huebner, Ron VanLeuven

Also in Attendance:

Col Norman Erikson, Annie Erikson, Maj Richard Bullock, Erma Bullock, Roselyn Slade, Maj Val John Halford, Kirk Jameson, Capt Steve Burton, Capt Jerry Anderson, Kayla Willey, Linda Jamison, Maj Clark Olsen

Colors:

Sons of Utah Pioneers

Presiding:

Col Jerome Gourley, Battalion Commander

Conducting:

Ltc Max Jamison, Battalion Executive Officer

Invocation:

Kayla Wiley, Battalion Member

Pledge of Allegiance

Ltc Max Jamison

Battalion or Historic Moment

Ltc Max Jamison

November 2010 Minutes Approved

General Business

Service Opportunities-

- May 26, 2011 Mormon History Association Convention, St George Tabernacle Spkr: Sherman Fleek *Action: Identify music to be performed at event; Ltc Max Jamison to call Capt Floyd Rigby*
- June 11, 2011 Heritage Day

Fundraising Opportunities-

- Action: Col Jerome Gourley to contact Ltc Bob Paul about Eccles Family Donation of \$50,000*
- Multi Company “Bring a Friend Dinner” April 16, 2011, SUP Building
- Discussion: Job Fair hosted by SUP and Battalion.*
- Discussion: RC Willey hot dog stand*
- Discussion: Six fundraising events per year*

Grants/Sponsorship Updates-

- Discussion: Action: Five trial grant proposals to be written by Maj Alan Jamison; if proven successful, payments should be made to Maj Alan Jamison. Ltc Max Jamison reported receiving list of foundations and grants from Sen. Orin Hatch’s office. Three most common categories are operating expenses, youth programs, and historical preservation.*

Recognition & Awards-

- Discussion: Ltc Max Jamison reviewed multi-media award received by Multi-media staff.*

-Discussion: Maj John Hayes stated Boy Scout awards will be available online in Summer 2011

-Discussion: Maj Alan Jamison explained need for embosser for Battalion awards. Purchase was approved.

-Discussion: Action: Ltc Max Jamison to provide Theresa at This Is the Place Heritage Park Visitors Center with invoice for Battalion pins.

Battalion Projects-

-SUP Move: Ron VanLeuven provided samples of contract and lease for Battalion. *Action Item:* Executive Committee to review for vote in Feb 2011 meeting.

-Minimum membership age requirements changed from 14 to 12 to match Scouting and youth programs.

-Discussion: Dues vs. service hours. Service hours to be 40 service hours in lieu of annual monetary payment.

-Project Proposal Form to be written and made available for all projects within the organization; this covers an annual budget and manpower request for each project

-Discussion: Eagle Scout Neckerchief Slide Manufacture Bids. No Battalion related companies have expressed interest in commercial manufacture of slides. Maj Alan Jamison and Ltc Max Jamison reported on written bid from Baer Foundry for polyurethane slides and bronze paper weights and plaques. *Action:* Maj Clark Olsen to make \$800.00 startup fee from Company C funds.

-Discussion: Action: Maj John Hayes and Maj Clark Olsen to review and update Boy Scout Slide presentation guidelines.

-Discussion: Action: Maj John Hayes reported PayPal Account international disclaimer to be reviewed by CPA in time for 19 Feb 2011 meeting.

Executive Committee Reports

Adjutant- Tabled

Membership- Tabled

Finance- Reviewed November and December financials.

Multimedia- Tabled

Publications- Tabled

Chaplain- Essay contest under review for 2011 to be online for legality. Maj Anthon Jeppesen reviewed potential for more than 500 entries via website. Names were taken for volunteer Judges.

Sons of the Utah Pioneers- Tabled

Executive Officer- Tabled

Commander- Tabled

New Business- Tabled

Affiliates Reported:

Battalion Trek

The Bay County Historical Society's annual "River of Time Living History Encampment" is scheduled for September 23-25, 2011.

Kevin Henson will be presenting at the Mormon History Association conference to be held in St George, May 26-29, 2011. Kevin will show how to use Google Earth to trace historic trails. The Battalion's trail will be a major demonstration feature. Details of the conference are available at: mhahome.org

Henson also announces plans to issue a new "Mormon Battalion Trail Guide" modeled after the Peterson Guide of 1972. Dr. Peterson was enthusiastic about the Henson's re hike of the trail and encouraged issuing a new version. This will be a "short version" comparable to the Peterson study. Plans are in the works for additional texts about the trail and the Henson's Trek experiences.

Divisions Reported:

California South

Saturday, Jan. 29 in San Diego, CA Old Town State Park at 10:00 am

March in the "United States Mormon Battalion Day" Parade. Those marching should arrive by 9:00 - (9:30 at latest) This is a full scale event with everyone in period attire , over 20 tented display booths with all kinds of activities for children. Men may march in their Blues or the normal informal apparel of the 1846 marchers. For details, phone Ltc Frank Szeles 619-479-0954 or email: fjszeles@cox.net. PS: To see the new Mormon Battalion Visitors Center is well worth the trip- it's fantastic.

Companies Reported:

Company C

Thursday, January 27 Company meeting, Roy Library Auditorium, 7:00 pm

Anne Erikson will be presenting the life and experiences of her ancestor in the Mormon Battalion, her great-grandfather, Pvt David Pettegrew, the oldest member of the Battalion, appointed by Brigham Young to be an unofficial spiritual leader.

Idaho Falls

We have attended a scout round table this month and handed out fliers along with the information sheet for the slide presentation. Took 75 and about 30 were picked up. There was interest for both youth and adult slides. We have an Eagle Court of honor tentatively set for the 1st Sunday in March.

We have a gentleman that has requested information to join. I have forwarded Maj Jennifer Heubner's email address to him. He seems excited to join. Some people at the round table asked about joining will see how that turns out.

White Mountain

We formed as a company in September and now have 17 members. We expect to continue adding new members as people get to know who we are and what we do. We hold a monthly company meeting and we try to always be working on a service project that will bring honor to the Mormon Battalion and what it symbolizes. We provided a great Christmas for a needy family in Show Low last month. We focus on projects that involve service, sacrifice and patriotism. We have been invited to put on a presentation during an upcoming Regional Dance festival to honor the service of the original Battalion. We have been invited by our local school board to make

suggestions for K-5 curriculum on American History, our forefathers and the principles of liberty. We want to march in the Snowflake 24th of July parade this summer. We have encouraged individual members to stretch themselves in acts of service, compliments of the battalion. Some have donated blood in our companies name, helped stranded motorists and in general looked for and performed random acts of kindness.

Cedar City

We are planning to hold a meeting in Cedar City within the next two months to gather those interested and try to get an official organization going here. My life is pretty busy right now with work, church, and building a new house (only a year and a half so far), but I will try to get something going here soon. I have been doing some Eagle Courts.

Review of Minutes/Action Items

None

Prayer / Adjournment

Maj Jennifer Huebner

Next Meeting – Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 9:30am – SUP Building; Library