

Mormon Battalion Executive Board Minutes Draft 18 Mar 06 9:00 am 420 S 800 E, SLC, UT 84102

Conducting: COL Norman T. Ereksen

Attending: COL Norman T Ereksen, MAJ Richard H Bullock, LTC Jerome Gourley, LTC Robert P Paul

Visitors: LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Roger Grua, MAJ Terry Wirth, Jay Todd, Pres Anne Ereksen, LTC Gaylen Maynes, Shirley Maynes, Carolyn Parks, Erma Bullock, Norma Bench, Roselyn Slade

Excused: MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, MAJ Tom Coyne, MAJ Robert Welti, CPT Gillmore & CPT Bowen Working on Valiant.

Invocation: LTC Max Jamison

1. Introduction: Capt Earl Gillmore introduced the new Bishop of the 10th Ward to those attending. The Bishops name is Nick Berger and made the Battalion leadership feel welcome. We Mentioned we had an award to present to the 10th Ward and he deferred to a later date.

2. Welcome: Col Norman T Ereksen

3. Minutes: The Minutes of 21 January and 18 February were presented for approval. I was discovered by LTC Max Jamison there were major errors in Feb minutes. MAJ Bullock deferred approval vote until proper minutes are presented.

4. Calendar: Presented by MAJ Bullock.

5. New Members: COL Ereksen presented Hollis Barber of Elk Grove, CA, Norman Larsen of Elk Grove, CA, Patrick M Pace of Brawley, CA, Melissa Garff Ballard of North Salt Lake, Norma Ricketts of Mesa, AZ and Kathryn Larkins of Kaysville, UT as new members of the Battalion. Proposal to accept them as members made by LTC Robert P Paul, seconded by LTC Jerome Gourley, vote passed.

6. New Building: LTC Robert Paul indicated that the new building is progressing as expected. He then mentioned a number of other items as follows: Channel 8 in Phoenix, AZ wants to do a new broadcast about the Mormon Battalion. Permissions have been given on most of he material they want to use.

Kevin Henson of Michigan called to introduce a special program to do advertising on the Internet. Project had been turned over to MAJ Cole. Holladay City on Memorial Day wants to have a flag ceremony that morning at the cemetery. They will give a \$150 donation. KBYU would like to review our Heritage Day material and possibly show it on air. LTC Paul then showed the first program that had been drawn up for a Heritage Day, composed by LTC Paul and Shirley Maynes.

7. Elections: MAJ Roger Grua reported on the election committee choices for the upcoming elections.

Commander, COL Norman T Ereksen, XO, LTC Jerome Gourley Finances, MAJ Tom Coyne, Adjutant, MAJ Richard H Bullock, Membership, MAJ Gloyd Sprouse, Publicity, LTC Max Jamison

8. Finances: MAJ Tom Coyne being excused, LTC Gaylen Maynes indicated that the Battalion operated in the black

9. Valiant: COL Ereksen indicated that the current issue had been completed and is in the process of mailing. Going to 303 members with 80 of those delinquent in the dues. The next issue of the Valiant is due to mail by the end of April. Need articles submitted by April 15th. It was suggested to mail letters to those who are delinquent to get them current.

10. Heritage Day: Jay Todd indicated that everything is on schedule. Bob Evans of Channel 13 will be the Emcee. Company A Re-enactors will be allowed to carry muskets. Sterling Singers will present some material to new music. Detailed the rest of the program. The \$500 building fee has been waived. The flags will be put up starting at 9:00 am. Memorabilia table will be in he foyer but will need security. Tickets would not be required. LTC Robert Paul requested that an appeal for donations for the building be placed on the program or mentioned as part of he program presentation.

11. Essay Contest: MAJ Roger Grua indicates that the word has been sent out to all the CES locations. Deadline for submissions is May 1st. He would like MAJ Robert Cole to post the past winners on the website.

12. By-Law Change: COL Norman Ereksen read a letter to the Battalion detailing the reasons for changes and giving a brief summary of the proposed changes. Responses from various individuals as follows: Company B: At their Thursday night meeting Clayton Fairbourn attended their meeting and Company B protests the name change, dropping the US and eliminating the Ladies Auxiliary. Past names used by the Battalion should be protected from use by others.

LTC Robert Paul feels that the Brigham Young quote should be added to Article four of the Articles of Incorporation.

Pres Anne Ereksen wanted to know if the Ladies Auxiliary are to be disbanded or what?

Maj Roger Grua said to get the lawyers to qualify the changes. COL Ereksen stated that the changes may not be ready for a vote by June but that we needed to work toward that as a goal.

13. Other: COL Ereksen read a letter from the IRS stating that we owed no penalties for filing late. MAJ Bullock showed a recently obtained giclee of the Ship Brooklyn painting now owned by the Church. MAJ Terry Wirth of Company B read a resolution to honor SSGT Gregson Glenn Gourley for his sacrifice in Iraq and proposed that the Battalion accept the Resolution. LTC Proposal to accept made by LTC Robert Paul, Seconded by Maj Bullock. All approved. LTC Max Jamison thinks a listing of all Service members sacrifices should be a worthwhile project.

Benediction: Maj Roger Grua

Dismissed 11:00 am.