

Mormon Battalion Association

Minutes – Executive Leadership Meeting

Saturday, 16 October 2010

Cultural Hall, 10th Ward Chapel 410 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84102

Executives in Attendance:

COL Jerome Gourley, LTC Max Jamison, MAJ Alan Jamison, MAJ Jennifer Huebner, MAJ Glade Nelson, MAJ Johnny Hayes, MAJ Anthon Jeppesen, COL Norman Erekson, MAJ Roger Grua. *Excused:* Ron VanLeuven

Companies Reported:

UT Company B, UT Company C, Ship Brooklyn, White Mountain, Cedar City, Idaho Falls

Colors:

MAJ Alan Jamison, Battalion Adjutant

Conducting:

COL Jerome Gourley, Battalion Commander

Invocation:

MAJ Roger Grua, Battalion Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance

COL Jerome Gourley

Battalion or Historic Moment

MAJ Alan Jamison

September Minutes – Review and Approval

Approved by LTC Max Jamison, seconded by MAJ Johnny Hayes

General Business

Service Opportunities- No new service opportunities to report.

Two grave memorializations two weeks ago. Commander asked what status of completion was on memorialization; MAJ Roger Grua indicated that at least half were not done. Discussion: We need to make contact with the appropriate individual(s) to gain access to memorialization materials. Contact needs to be made with Larson's to do so. Discussion: We can utilize the US military to assist us in the memorialization process. Certain programs exist to assist the Battalion in proper grave marking.

Fundraising Opportunities-

New fundraising projects have been introduced by MAJ Jennifer Huebner and MAJ Alan Jamison, (in October 2010 Executive Meeting,) such as dinner/dances, breakfasts, luncheons, seminars, tours, etc. Previous functions were to be held at the Sons of the Utah Pioneers Building with a rental special rate offered to the Battalion. Originally a date was set in October, but this conflicted with LDS General Conference and was cancelled. A new date must be established in order to bring in revenue for the Battalion. It was proposed by the Adjutant and seconded by the Membership Officer that we get as many willing individuals to organize and prepare a plan of action, including but not limited to, our first 2011 fundraising activity.

Grants/Sponsorship Updates-

It was proposed by MAJ Johnny Hayes and MAJ Alan Jamison that grant writing start as soon as possible; previous attempts for the Battalion have been unsuccessful for specific events. However, due to the dramatic need for funding, Johnny, Alan, and Jennifer are willing to write grants at no cost initially; if the effort is proven successful, a per grant fee will be initiated.

Recognition & Awards

A new award system has been implemented for the Battalion and is reaching final stages. We are open to ideas pertaining to criteria needed for the awards. See Battalion Handbook for examples. An embosser tool for the award system needs to be approved in design and cost.

A sash was introduced, similar to the Boy Scout merit badge sash, to show the awards for the Battalion, which could be added to existing uniforms, or with a white shirt (with rank on collar) and slacks/jeans.

Battalion Projects

MAJ Richard and Erma Bullock have been working with the BYU Archives Department to catalog Mormon Battalion Association materials. The transaction has been pursued by the Battalion in hopes to preserve history, and though BYU has indicated the Battalion will retain all rights to its merchandise, none of the arrangement has been seen in writing. It is proposed that a document be obtained by the Battalion with the school outlining the arrangement and halt further correspondence until we obtain such.

Executive Committee Reports

Adjutant- The materials for the Boy Scout slides are in the possession of the Adjutant. We need to make arrangements to move the remaining materials from MAJ Don Schurtz' home.

Membership- New members were welcomed; a total of 370 members now in the Battalion. COL Norm Erekson and Erma Bullock are working on updating the membership lists.

Finance- Finances are strained; we need to generate cash flow. Current estimate for concrete Giles Family Bench is \$200.00 + foundation costs. It would go near the plaza in a location approved by the park. Discussion: MAJ John Hayes proposed an alternate medium used for the bench that may be less expensive. Research is needed to find cost of Trelex® or like product bench. MAJ Glade Nelson motioned to further investigate; seconded by MAJ Anthon Jeppesen.

Multimedia- Discussion: MAJ John Hayes discussed the need for proper copyright documentation to distribute multimedia products for purchase or gifts. Old procedures are not ensuring that we have the needed documents. We need to be more diligent in obtaining the appropriate documents.

Publications- Discussion: MAJ Anthon Jeppesen was asked by Commander if the next election would be available online. MAJ Jeppesen advised that it would not be viable at this time with current technologies.

Chaplain- CES Seminary program has nationally endorsed the Battalion writing contest. Discussion: Make the contest available online and post top ranking documents online as well. Action Item: Send a copy of the rules for the contest to MAJ Jeppesen to be posted on the website. Discussion: having signatures of initiate's parents on file for top winners for liability issues.

Sons of the Utah Pioneers- None

Executive Officer- None

Commander- We are now authorizing all Eagle Scouts, past and present, to receive the Battalion slide. Adult Eagles must also become members of the Battalion.

New Business-

Commander asked for the creation of a better networking system between him and the company level. COL Gourley asked MAJ Alan Jamison to work on this for better and more accurate monthly reports.

MAJ John Hayes and MAJ Anthon Jeppesen were sworn in by Chaplain MAJ Roger Grua.

Next Meeting – Saturday, 20 November 2010, at 10am, 10th Ward Chapel; Cultural Hall

Review of Minutes/Action Items

MAJ Alan Jamison

Prayer / Adjournment

By Invitation