

23 November 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1720 by President Dimond. Members present were Derek Dimond, Scott Evans, Joe Guimond, Craig Haskell, Wyatt Davis, Jenny Butler, Sharon Roberts and Kaarin Holst.

Jenny Butler read the minutes from the last meeting. They were approved as read.

Executive Officer Reports

President's Report – President Dimond reported that Layne Nelson is stepping down as the Junior Enlisted Chair. The EANGUT site on Facebook is up and running. We now have over 200 members. We still need to link the website to Facebook. The budget has been submitted to the finance committee for review. President Dimond has the President's vision written and it will be published soon.

VP-Army Report – Scott Evans reported that COL Dunton had mentioned that 100% of the funds from the RV storage lot go to NGAUS and it is being proposed to them that if an enlisted member rents a lot, that their money will go to EANGUT.

VP-Air – Joe Guimond reported that he is concerned about our membership over the next 3 months due to so many memberships expiring. There are several hundred that will be expiring between now and January with the majority of them being the USAA memberships. We need to focus on these members and make sure they know how to renew. He suggested to do a letter to the members stating how important their membership is to the Association and the benefits they receive because of their membership.

Treasurer – nothing to report.

Secretary – Jenny Butler stated that she had put an email out to the members that attended the National Conference encouraging them to write a letter about their experience at their first National Conference. President Dimond stated that they had already written something for the Minuteman.

Past President – nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – nothing to report.

Insurance Committee – nothing to report.

Legislative Committee – nothing to report.

By-Laws Committee – Wyatt Davis reported that there are no new proposed by-laws changes. Craig Haskell brought up the Area Presidents and changing the by-laws to make them an appointed position instead of a voted position. Wyatt Davis mentioned

that we were thinking of making changing them back to Army and Air – At –Large positions that would be voted for. Craig Haskell also talked about posting the proposed by-law changes as soon as possible to give others the chance to see what has already been proposed so they can still make proposals too. They have to be posted NLT 12 January according to the by-laws.

Ways & Means – nothing to report.

Membership – nothing to report.

Publications – nothing to report.

Webmaster – Jenny Butler stated that she still needs to update the scholarship page, the retiree page and the state conference page. She also needs a blank copy of the proposed by-law change form.

Retirees – Sharon Roberts stated that she is looking for anyone that has/is retired. Cheryl Fowler works with the retirees at State and is linking up with Sharon. Email any new retirees to Sharon at Sharon@tlsjr.net.

Old Business

The State Conference needs to be planned and it needs to be decided how much we will obligate towards it. There was discussion on what to charge for a registration fee and it was decided to do \$25 / person or \$40 / couple. It was also discussed what to do about the Auxiliary since it has become stale and effectively non-existent. President Dimond stated that he would like to have it become functional and we discussed how to start it going if we didn't know who actually was still holding positions and any information about it. He is going to contact Vivian from the national EANGUS Auxiliary for advice on what we need to do. A motion was made by Scott Evans to obligate at a minimum \$2400 and at a maximum \$6100 for the State Conference. The conference will be at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sandy, UT. Craig Haskell 2nd the motion and the motion passed. The agenda for the State Conference is still being worked.

It was also brought up that Rep. John Dougal would be interested in speaking with members of EANGUT about the legislative process at the local level. We are trying to get him for the State Conference even though that tends to be a busy time of the year for him.

New Business

President Dimond suggested that EANGUT participate in Sub for Santa. It's a program run through the Utah National Guard that helps Soldiers' and their families who don't have money for Christmas. Since the Association is a for profit organization, this could be used as a tax write off also. We would pick a day that we would go shopping for this and take pictures in order to post them on Facebook. Scott Evans made a motion to spend \$500 for the Sub for Santa program. Craig Haskell 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

Joe Spencer gave President Dimond a flyer from the MO National Guard that advertises their Association. It also has a tear out that lets them sign up and get a membership card too. We are looking into the cost of doing something like this for our membership drives. It was discussed who is representing EANGUT at the Mid-Winter Conference on 23-24 January. President Dimond stated that he is still looking at renting a van depending on how many go. Suggestions were Derek Dimond, Joe Guimond, Jenny Butler, Wyatt Davis, Norman Rentschler and Chris Williams. President Dimond said if a lot of people want to go, EANGUT would pay for their registration fee, but not for hotel, etc. We would also have people double up on rooms to save money. All those suggested need to get back with President Dimond by the end of the week with an answer. Craig Haskell also brought up the idea of using a bridge (similar to a conference call) for future meetings so more members can participate. Scott Evans stated he would look into that possibility.

Next meeting will be on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 1700 in the TASS Complex Conference Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 1828 hours.