



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

May 21, 2016

Meeting called to order at 9:12

Invocation was given by David Pitre

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Born

Officers present included Eddie Lynch, Jerry Born, Mike Cowger, Beale York, Wayne McCormick, David Pitre, Gary Robinson, Keith Rudlaf, Ken Bergman.

Committee Reports:

Minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Old Business:

Approval was received from the 1st United Method Church to hold the garage sale on Saturday June 11th. A rain date has not been approved at this time. Set up time will be between 7:00 am and 7:30 am. The location is 265 W. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, TN.

The Civil Air Patrol has been assigned their own booth at the Tennessee Air Show, therefore, they will not provide assistance at our booth. We will require 12 volunteers each day (Saturday 6/4 and Sunday 6/5).

New Business:

A change in meeting location, day and time was presented, to the member, by Jerry Born. The 1st United Method Church located at 254 W. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, TN has given approval to hold the monthly Chapter meetings at their location. This opportunity will provide a larger meeting room and a decrease in monthly rent from \$45.00 to \$25.00. The change in meeting location will require a change to the day of the month and start time for the meeting. The two available days are Monday and Tuesday evenings. Upon discussion, a motion was made to accept the offer from the Church and change the monthly meeting to the third Tuesday of each month with a starting time of 6:30 pm. A second to the motion was made. A vote by the members approved the change. The first meeting at the new location is Tuesday July 19th.

A request was made by the members, for the Secretary to prepare and deliver a letter to each member advising of the changes and offer assistance to members that may have trouble attending the meetings due to night time driving.

The last monthly meeting at the Paterson Park will be Saturday June 18th at 9:00 am.

The change in the monthly meeting will not affect the monthly breakfast. It will continue to be the first Saturday of each month.

Jerry Born provided sign-up sheets for working the concession stand at the Tennessee Air Show on Saturday June 4th and Sunday June 5th. Participation requires 12 volunteers each day. There will be a meeting at the firehouse located at the Smyrna Airport on Thursday June 2nd for all volunteers. A time was not announced.

The Chapter will also have a table to identify our work in the community. The presentation will have one of our mobile chairs and hopefully a van with a chairlift. We will also have VVA and AVVA applications available. We should have at least two members at the table each day.

Phil LaPrad, Chairman for Mobility Service, provided an update. Phil, Keith and Gary worked Wednesday and Thursday the past week to help UCP gather hospital beds, wheel chairs and crutches.

Phil, Keith and Gary presented, the mobile chair from our deceased member, to a young (30 something) accident victim at the Bordeaux Hospital. This individual was at the verge of giving up on life. The chair has changed his whole outlook. This effort, by our three members, provides a great example of the Chapter's efforts to help all disabled members of our community (not just veterans).

Phil continues to need extra help for the volunteer work each Wednesday. If anyone wishes to help you can call him at 615-768-1204.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 10:05.