

James K. Polk Veteran's Association

Annual meeting (1000 7/22/06)

Agenda and minutes

Welcome, call to order by President, Ken Kettering at 1005 - 17 members in attendance.

Minutes of the last meeting:

Read and approved as amended. Contained in file "JKPAA Annual Meeting Minutes 2005.doc".

Treasurer's Report:

Read and approved.

\$8668.52 in treasury. 2005 reunion was a big money maker. We have about \$3000 more after paying expenses, but there were about 10 new life members. The 2006 reunion will probably not pay for itself – probably lose more than \$500, possibly as much as \$1000.

Webmaster's Report:

Web presence is going forward no problems or issues. PayPal integration is working great and cost is very low. Feedback from membership and Treasurer is that it's a great solution.

Old business:

None

New Business:

Moved to continue annual meetings / reunions – Unanimously approved

Dues will be collected annually, on the JKPVA fiscal year (July 1 – June 30). We need work to collect annual dues, which have to date only been paid by members attending reunions. We have PayPal, and members can pay that way, but we need vehicle to remind them to pay.

Mike Lane is elected Membership Coordinator, with responsibility to publish notices of upcoming reunions, and keep the membership informed, as well as help find more shipmates and get them involved.

Membership dues raised unanimously: Live \$150, Annual \$30. Increase goes into effect after last day of 2007 reunion, to give more folk an opportunity to become life members at the lower rate. Currently \$100 and \$20.

2007 Reunion will be in Reno, coordinated by Charlie Kotan. Will shoot for same weekend (7/19-22/2007).

Discussion of finances, resulted in unanimous approval of capping our treasury at \$10,000. It will be some time before we reach that figure, and we will decide what to do with excess when that happens. Noted that we will safeguard all lifetime member funds, and we have almost 100 life members now. This cap will probably result in a by-laws change, to be approved later.

2008 reunion will be in Norfolk, VA and coordinated by Barry Danforth.

Some discussion of future reunion format.

- Someone suggested no formal Banquet, just a casual dinner. Our banquets are “come as you wish” – some wear suits, and dresses, some come in jeans and t-shirts. We will continue having a dinner and entertainment.
- Women are interested in coordinating women’s activities. In the past we created a “wife’s list server” but it wasn’t used much. Ladies are working on appointing a leader (Sandra Jordan), and will arrange a communications medium. Their goal is to plan activities for the next reunion. Future Reunion Coordinators will work with ladies to build a published agenda.
- Work on more activities – perhaps a casino night (which might not be allowed in Reno, but worth looking at.)

Thanks to the Ansteys for their work in planning a Miami reunion. This fell through due to an unscrupulous hotel employee, so we’re here in Jacksonville.

By Charlie Kotan
JKPVA Secretary