

USS Midway Veterans Association
General Membership Meeting
May 9, 2019

President Oscar Granger called the meeting to order at 10:34 A.M.

Oscar introduced Vice-President of Reunions Jim Hayter, Vice-President of Administration Richard Wooster, Secretary-Treasurer Dave Payson, Mina Jo Payson who handles the bookkeeping, and Tim Miller, Membership Committee Chairman.

Oscar discussed the purpose of the meeting.

Election of officers:

Jim Hayter was reelected to the position of Vice-President of Reunions by acclamation. Richard Wooster announced that he is stepping down as Vice-President of Administration. Nominations were opened. Marty FitzGerald was nominated. It was moved, seconded and passed to close nominations. Marty FitzGerald was unanimously elected as the new Vice-President of Administration.

Financial Report:

Dave Payson announced that MVA now has online credit card charging options available, making it easier for members to pay their dues and join the organization. This capability has been well received by members. Dave suggested that the organization lower the dues to \$20 for annual membership, \$25 for family membership and \$100 for lifetime membership. He explained that he thought that \$20 is easier for annual dues payers to budget for than \$30. It was moved and seconded to lower dues as suggested by Dave. Discussion followed. It was decided to table the motion until after the year-end financial report was given so members could look at the numbers.

Mina Jo Payson gave the fiscal year financial report for 2018. The beginning balance on February 1, 2018 was \$49,661.38. Income from membership was \$7,991.90. Total income was \$13,235.98.

The largest expense was \$7855.19 for the 2019 reunion. Total expenses for 2018 were \$13,426.19. Not having a reunion in 2018 accounted for the loss. The ending balance was \$49,471.19. The contingency fund savings account balance was \$5,750.61. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report as given. The discussion returned to the dues questions. There was a call for the

question and a vote was taken. The motion to lower the dues as suggested passed.

Reunion Report:

Jim Hayter said that the reunion was going well so far. He would let the membership know the location of the banquet as soon as possible (due to possible rain it could be in the hangar bay, not on the flight deck). He thanked the volunteers who are helping by name: Bob and Pat Roberge in charge of the Silent Auction, Ken Zuorro for buying the Dinner Cruise tickets, Tim Miller for being "Boots on the Ground," Mina Jo Payson for handling the t-shirts and B.J. Denihan for helping with T-shirts and general housekeeping. (**Note:** the banquet did turn out to be held on the flight deck.)

2020 Reunion:

Sites for the next reunion were discussed. It was suggested that the time-frame should be in September or October of 2020. Many locations were suggested and the final choice was chosen to be the Virginia Beach/Hampton Roads/Norfolk area, with planning left to the Reunion Committee.

Membership Committee:

Tim Miller, chairman of the membership committee gave the membership report. The organization grew by 30 members last year. Tim has set a goal to increase membership by 50 members in the next year. He agrees that having PayPal will be a big help. He asked everyone to look for new members. There is an organization brochure available at the Visitor Information Center on the ship. A suggestion was made to advertise in the VFW magazine. The organization does advertise there.

Comments:

Members were reminded that The Top of the Mark in the Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, is still offering a one time free drink to veterans. If you are in San Francisco, take advantage of the offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Payson, Secretary/Treasurer
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