



Thailand – Laos – Cambodia Brotherhood

TLC Brotherhood, Inc.

P.O. Box 343, Locust Grove, GA 30248

Minutes of May 5, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting

Board of Directors meeting called to order at 1908 by Vice President Les Thompson.

Board Members present:

Vice President Les Thompson
Secretary Jim Closs
Chaplain Deb Stein
Member-at-Large William Peterson
Member-At-Large Mike Potaski
Member-At-Large Bob Wheatley

Board Members absent:

Member-At-Large Gary Beatty

Board Members excused:

President John Sweet
Treasurer Paul Lee – passed his proxy to MAL Peterson.

Committee Chairs present:

Assistance Chair Les Thompson
Communications Chair Jerry Karnes
Brotherhood Exchange Chair Bill Tilton
Public Relations Chair William Peterson
History Chair John Lorenzen

A quorum is present.

OPENING PRAYER offered by Chaplain Stein: “Gracious God, we ask that you guide our work this night. Bless all that we do on behalf of our brothers and sisters, and bless those we serve. Be with members not able to attend today's meeting for whatever reason. For this, and those things that only you know that we need, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.”

Previous Meeting Minutes. Reading of the Minutes from previous meetings was tabled until the next Board meeting because there was insufficient time for Board members to read them prior to the meeting. **ITEM OPEN.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Vice President Thompson announced the slate of candidates for election.
President: John Sweet

Treasurer: Bill Tilton

Members-at-Large:

1. Jim Green
2. Paul Lee
3. Tommy "OD" Odiorne
4. William Peterson

Chaplain Stein **moved** to accept the slate as presented, **seconded** by MAL Potaski. No discussion – motion **passes by unanimous vote**.

2. Vice President Thompson **moved** we dismiss the nominating committee, **seconded** by MAL Peterson. Only limitation was retention of Trusted Agent John Duffin until after the upcoming reunion. Motion **carried** by unanimous vote.

3. There was a lengthy discussion concerning a replacement Secretary. President Sweet had a discussion with Vice President Thompson and expressed his concern that the by-laws expressly direct the replacement for the Secretary (and all other officers except President) must come from the Members-at-Large. Included in the discussion was the issue of replacements for Member-at-Large vacancies. Chaplain Stein made a **motion** to table further discussion giving all Board members an opportunity to further digest the by-laws and make recommendations. The motion was **seconded** by MAL Peterson. Motion to table discussion carried by majority vote, with two abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There was a short discussion concerning proposed locations for the 2015 reunion. Options will be explored.

2. Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Partnership update provided. Reinforced that we are a "Certified Partner," and we need to participate more on the Partnership website.

CLOSING PRAYER offered by Chaplain Stein: "Gracious God, Thank you for blessing the work we do as members of TLC. Guide us as we leave this virtual meeting place, and keep us in your care wherever we are and wherever we go. Amen."

Motion to adjourn made by MAL Peterson, **seconded** by MAL Wheatley. With no objections, **Vice President Thompson adjourned the meeting at 2100 (Eastern).**

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. CLOSS
Secretary