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Broken Arrow Veteran Center
Agenda for Special Meeting
September 30, 2024



Opening Comment by Director, Mitch Reed

Flag Salute- Gary Briggs

Recording Secretary-Bobbie Jones/Lori Hill

Treasurer - Janet Viel

Notes:

Special Called Meeting requested and approved by Mitch Reed

Discussion items:

- Building and VSO membership
 - ✓ - Contract and Compliance Revisted
 - Fundraisers
 - Usage of building/kitchen/parking lots
 - Comradeship amongst the VSO memberships
 - Building Requests on Calendar
 - Other than regular scheduled usage
 - Building/Storage Security
 - Social Media/Public Media Issues

Regular Monthly meeting Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 @1:30pm

Question: *Our committee has seven members, and an extra person has just shown up. Can I refuse to let that person speak or take part in the discussion?*

Answer: *Committee meetings are conducted in executive session, and only members of the committee can attend. Unless a member is an ex officio member of the committee, he or she has no right to just show up and ask to participate in the committee meeting. Politely escort the member to the door and explain that only committee members are allowed to attend. (This is true unless your organization has rules to the contrary.)*

Proxy voting for nonprofit organizations

The rules for proxy voting at a nonprofit organization are slightly different than for a for-profit corporate entity. It's generally advised that board members of nonprofit organizations do their best to attend meetings and vote on their own behalf.

Robert's Rules doesn't allow for proxy voting for nonprofit organizations. Robert's Rules states, "...proxy voting is incompatible with the essential characteristics of a deliberative assembly in which membership is individual, personal, and nontransferable...."

Nonprofits that want to allow proxy voting need to overrule Robert's Rules by writing the exception into their bylaws. Proxy voting for nonprofit organizations is legislated by each state. The nonprofit's bylaws will spell out any other rules for using proxies.

For example, many nonprofit organizations' bylaws require that board members must choose other board members as proxies because they would likely have the best interests of the organization at heart. If nonmember proxies were voting at their own discretion, it could interfere with the mission and vision of the organization.



Facebook Posts

September 15, 2024

August 27, 2024

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Aug 27 · 🌐

A Blue star mother is a mother who's child is serving in the military! Actively Serving! After they get out they are veterans and that make them a veteran mother, not a (blue star mother!) If you are a veteran mother in the Blue star mothers holding on office. Please step down and let the actual Blue Star Mothers do the office and serving and you move into an advisory position..especially if you veteran child has been out for more than 10 years!
It is that simple!

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 **Lisa Bender**
"Blue Star Mothers are women in America with a son or daughter in the Armed Forces or honorably discharged." This is our congressional charter description of a Blue Star Mother.
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 **Mike Callahan**
But, that son or daughter might have made you eligible for the VFW Auxiliary. Keep serving and helping veterans and your community.
3w Care Reply

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... BLUE Star Mothers vs VFW

The BlueStar Mothers ch 5 of Broken Arrow Oklahoma were invited to join the veterans center by the veterans which are now block from being able to have events on Saturday due to the BSM,s hogging all the Saturday of the month. The VFW post 10887 got the ball rolling on the new veterans center after their old post was condemned and tore down by the city of Broken Arrow in 2014. The city then promised the VFW they would build them a new HOME. Well the city did just that. (BUT IT IS NO HOME) one of the original veteran organizations slated for th building dropped out and the Blue star mothers were given the opetunity to have a place were they could be safe. The problem is, like cocroches the took ove the build. Taking up more than 50% of office space and storage and taking up all the Saturday options so that the other groups in the build could not use the center built for them. I thought the blue star mothers were an orginization that supported Veteran's(said so on their web page), But not this group. They are like venomous snakes striking without warning. . I am at a loss for words as to how appalling it is for our service members who gave so much to be treated so badly or how sicking it is for the people of Broken Arrow who love their veterans and voted on a bond issue for Veterans (not the Blue Star Mothers) to be decived. They voted for a veteran center, a place for veterans to get help, not having to fight for the right to have events to raise money to help Veteran's. I would like thank every Broken Arrow citizen who voted to house our veterans in what is the Broken Arrow Veteran Center, but if the Blue Star Mothers can not share then they need to go. Repost if you agree! If you care call the city manager.

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