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Notes from our call

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Evening all--Please see my notes from our mtg, attached.

Gay and Teresa: thank you so much for all your support. Looking forward to having good news to report as we stand the council back up!

Shelah, Mike, James and Colin: I'll be setting up a google group for the 5 of us here shortly. We can coordinate there to plan next steps.

-Chris



Corps Council renewal discussion notes 6 DEC 2021.docx

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12/6/21; 1500 - 1600

Discussion re: Reviving IFPTE Army Corps Council

Present: Shelah Sweatt (Local 86), Chris Dols (Local 98), James Drexler (Local 8A), Gay Henson (IFPTE) and Teresa Ellis (IFPTE)

Regrets: Colin Smalley (Local 777) and Mike Arent (Local 561)

Notes by Chris Dols: *These aren't minutes; just notes capturing the important take-aways, including next steps and some **taskers**.*

Chris kicked off discussion with brief remarks about recent efforts to revive the Corps Council, including reference to discussions among local leaders and previous mtg with International leaders/staff in the summer (pre-convention). Two questions posed:

- 1) What are our financial/other reporting requirements to be compliant with appropriate laws to relaunch the council (including to make use of our funds)
- 2) What funds are available to the renewed Council?

Over the course of the discussion, the following was tentatively established:

The dormant Army Corps Council has a Chase Bank Account (savings: \$13,003; checking: \$2,184) that has sat largely idle since 2015. Some minor expenses since then have supported efforts (including travel to convention) to keep the Council active.

Most recent deposit was dated January 2015. Appears that Chase account would have been current through end of 2014. No deposits from the International since then.

No bylaws available or found. James has been reaching out to prior leaders of the Council to find them.

Need to firm up our understanding of all this, including what funds are held by the International. Toward that end: **James will share relevant documents as available with other local leaders reconvening the council.**

Understanding is that \$0.50 per month have continued to be accrued by the International from participating locals. James' list of participating locals (taken from one of the pre-2015 invoices referenced) included Locals 86, 96, 97, 98, 259, 852 and 8A.

[Not discussed on the phone, but received from Colin Smalley after: Kristina M's October email indicates that participating locals include: 8A, 49, 86, 96, 97, 98, 99, 131, 259, 561,777, 852]

Unclear exactly what that translates into for a monthly or quarterly total. But **Gay is looking into it, including the total on hand available to the renewed Council.**

Discussion took place regarding reporting requirements: there are basically two options.

Option 1: to remain an informal council with all reporting requirements satisfied by the International. By-laws, elections, transparent standards for handling of existing funds still strongly recommended, but

legal compliance issues effectively taken care of at the International level. Going forward, the funds maintained by the international to be accessed on an as-needed/reimbursement basis.

Option 2: to formalize the council to handle all of its own DOL requirements. Would include all the same requirements as govern locals: LM-3, bylaws, election reports, etc.

Discussion favored the first, informal, option, but **decision to be made by the Council.**

Going forward, **Chris will bottom-line convening a first meeting of the locals to reconstitute the Council. Chris will start an email list-serve with the current "core" of the group,** to include: Shelah Sweatt (Local 86), Chris Dols (Local 98), James Drexler (Local 8A), Colin Smalley (Local 777) and Mike Arent (Local 561)