

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — March 15, 2023

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present
First Vice — vacant
Second Vice — Jim Connelly - present
Adjutant — Shirley Brown — present
JAG — Steve Randles — present
Finance Officer, Gale Sears — present
Sgt. At Arms — Robert DeKar - present

Service Officer — Armond Pilotte - present
Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — present
Historian — Leroy Brown - present
At Large — Bob Berweger - excused.
At Large — Rich Pimm - present
At Large — Dan Brown - present

Motion: By Dan Brown that we accept the minutes as presented — seconded by Leroy Brown — **PASSED.**

2nd Vice: Upcoming events: 3/17 Carlton Corn Beef and Cabbage Feed, 3/19 Air Force Breakfast; 3/29 Vietnam Veterans Day — Starting at Noon we will offer a Free Chili Dog to every Vietnam Veteran, non-Vietnam Veteran cost is \$10.00. 4/2 Marine Breakfast, 4/8 Easter Egg Hunt at the Post, 4/16 Army Breakfast, 4/22 Legion Riders 3rd Annual Wheels & Pinwheels Ride for Child Abuse Awareness; 5/14 Mother's Day Brunch; 5/15 Peace Officers Day Post 21 will deliver donuts to every police Department in the county, 5/29 Memorial Day (Invitation went out to The Frank E. Evans Association, 6/17 Take a Soldier Fishing — Haag Lake, 8/26 Riders Scholarship Run, 9/29-10/1 International Air Show.

Motion: By Gale Sears that the post cover the cost for the chili dogs for all veterans, seconded by Jim Connelly — **PASSED.**

Service Officer: VFW has issued a scam alert, there is a veteran traveling from state to state asking for financial assistance, requests food and lodging, checks into motel and leaves right away asking for a refund and keeps the money.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$257,318.78; Lottery Account \$87,186.56; Maintenance Account \$3,434.28; Operating Cash - \$9270.39 = total assets of 347,939.62. Showing a growth of \$21,645.37. Includes a \$5,000.00 donation of which portions of will be transferred to the #1,000 to the Auxiliary, \$1,000 to the Sons and \$2,000 to the Sea Cadets. Will transfer \$1,082.27 (5% of profit) to maintenance account.

Motion: By Leroy Brown that we approve the finance report as given, seconded by Robert DeKar — **PASSED.**

At Large Robert Berweger: April 15th is Peace Officers Day I would like to see Post 21 deliver donuts to all the police departments in the county.

Motion By Bob Berweger that the Post spend up to \$400.00 to provide donuts to all the departments in the county, seconded by Leroy Brown — **PASSED**

Memorial Day we will be honoring veterans we have lost along with Gary Bradburry Hodgson, an invitation has been sent to the Evans Association and Peggy Boquist for the placement of the Highway sign in honor of Bradbury Hodgson.

Would like to see Post 21 to sponsor Youth baseball again this year. Cost to sponsor two teams, have the Legion Banner in place on the field is \$1,000.00.

Motion: By Bob Berweger that the Post again sponsor two baseball teams, seconded by Mike Billings — **PASSED.**

Post 21 has received verbal approval for the Veterans Day Parade; however, it will be different than last year, the city is going to require a barricade at every intersection with two people at each barricade. Estimate is fifteen barricades but that is subject to change based on the cities requirements.

At Large Rich Pimm: Memorial cost so far is \$18,715. Still need to pay for concrete work, bollards and welding.

Tammy Balcombe will be washing the monuments and the rose garden plaques.

Chaplain: Haven't heard about any sick or injured. Jeanne broke her wrist, but surgery has been postponed until sometime in April. Terry Ward is still suffering from cancer. Mike Morris is fighting medical issues as a result of Agent Orange.

Auxiliary: Goya, thank you for all the prayers for my brother. The Auxiliary donated \$200 to Doernbecher, \$250 MVP softball and Scholarship applications have been sent out. Membership is at 65%.

Sons: The Sons will be having a Tri-Tip Feed on April 22nd from 5-7 at a cost of \$18.00.

Riders: Legion Riders 3rd Annual Wheels & Pinwheels Ride for Child Abuse Awareness at Juliette's House all profits will go directly to Juliette's House. Every year money is set aside by the Riders for scholarships. The Riders vote on the amount, but we are having issues getting applications. The riders continue to help out with breakfasts and Friday Night dinners.

NEW BUSINESS: Commander of the VFW in Dayton, Mike Billings reported that they lost a member from WWII, Dennis Jones.

Commander: The ADA accessible door will be installed in the next 2-3 weeks. We will be getting Christmas Trees this year the cost will be \$25 a tree, looking at getting 200 trees from Kramer's.

Had a disabled Vietnam Veteran come in for breakfast. He is suffering from dementia would like to be a member of the Post, but he is on a limited income. The Adjutant is going to pay his dues. Would like to see the Post have a day to recognize caregivers.

NOMINATIONS: Commander – Juan Palacios, 1st Vice – Paul Krutsch, 2nd Vice – Jim Connelly, Adjutant – Shirley Brown, Service Officer - _____, Chaplain – Thomas Clayton, JAG - Steve Randles, Historian - _____, Finance Officer – Cheryl Saville-Miller, Sgt at Arms – Armond Pilotte.

DRAPING OF THE CHARTER: Draping of the Charter in remembrance of Frank Burt.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: On March 29th The National Auxiliary President will be here for dinner.

On May 5th the DAR will have a Vietnam Recognition Day in Dayton at Palmer Creek Hall sponsored by the DAR.

Adjourned.