

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21  
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
FEBRUARY 21, 2018

**ROLL CALL:**

Commander – Gale Sears, present  
First Vice – Larry Brown, present  
Second Vice – Terry Ward, present  
Finance Officer – vacant  
Adjutant – Shirley Brown, present  
Judge Advocate – Steve Randles, present  
Service Officer – Jeannie Clayton, present

Chaplain – Thomas Clayton, present  
Historian – Leroy Brown, present  
Sgt. At Arms – Bob Berweger, present  
At Large – S. Farley, present  
At Large – J. Smith, absent  
At Large – Joe Lillibridge, present

**12 Officers are present being a Quorum**

Motion by Steve Farley that we accept the minutes, Seconded by Tony Amodeo – PASSED.

**Finance Report:** Commander Sears gave the finance report as follows: Maintenance Fund - \$1,084.60; Veterans Support paid \$300 Christian Flags. Memorial Fund paid out \$144.00 – Evans Memorial. Current Account Balances are Post \$51,332.29; Lottery \$45,434.19; Total = \$96,766.48. The 2017 Taxes amount remains unknown with \$2,000 credit on file.

Motion by Steve Farley that we accept the finance report as given – Seconded by Leroy Brown – PASSED.

**Commanders Report:** Commander Sears stated that much of this meeting will be directed to the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws.

**JAG:** Steve Randles explained that the Constitution and By-Laws committee has submitted the proposed changes for this year. Handouts detailing proposed changes were distributed and proposed changes were explained by the JAG. Voting on changes to take place at next month's membership meeting.

**NEW MEMBER:** Adam Standridge – Marine.

MOTION by Leroy Brown that we accept new member Adam Standridge, seconded by Jeanne Clayton – PASSED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Commander:** Gale Sears stated that there is a need for improvements around the Post along with the general upkeep and would like to form a Budget Committee and is looking for volunteers.

**1<sup>ST</sup> Vice:** Larry Brown encouraged each member to recruit one new member we are only 10 members away from 100%.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** Terry Ward encouraged anyone who would like to attend the activities meeting. Terry listed the upcoming events as follows: 3-11- Marine Corps Breakfast; 3-16 St. Patrick's Day Dinner; 3-17 Texas Hold-um Tournament; 3-25 Air Force Breakfast; 3-31 Meet & Greet Habitat; 4-8 Navy Breakfast; 4-5 Ride to the Wall; 4/21 Old Time Fiddler's; 4-22 Army Breakfast; 5-5 Cinco De Mayo Celebration; 5-13 Mother's Day Brunch; 5-28 Memorial Day BBQ; 6-9 All Post BBQ with Carlton, Newberg & Sheridan all are welcome. There may be more events scheduled but this is what is on the calendar so far.

**JAG:** Steve Randles informed the membership that John Peterson is appealing the decision to not allow him to transfer to Carlton. There will be a hearing at the Department level sometime in April.

**Service Officer:** Jeanie Clayton stated that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Veterans Conference will be held in April 26-28 at Sunriver. This is open to women veterans only and is free to attend. Jeanie Clayton said the Derby Car Race is currently scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Chaplain:** Trudy Shelburne is not doing well. Chuck Knapp is not doing well.

**Historian:** Leroy Brown stated that he would like to get something together for the Post for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and asked that if anyone has any pictures or memorabilia that they would like included, to get the information to him.

**Auxiliary:** St. Patrick's Day dinner coming up to be hosted by Auxiliary. The Auxiliary has finished painting the women's restroom, just a few more pictures to hang up. Looking into helping with the Veteran's build and maybe help painting the inside.

**Sons:** Angel Mendoza stated that the SAL will be donating \$100 to AMVETS since most of their funds were misappropriated. Angel wanted to make sure to say thank you to everyone who helped with the Valentine's Day Brunch, it was a great success. 1<sup>st</sup> round of nominations for new officers for SAL will begin next month.

**Nominations Committee:** Steve Farley let everyone know that if they would like to run for office they must make their intentions know and be vetted by Nominations Committee. This must be done in writing but can also be done by email or text to any member of the Committee – Steve Farley, Larry Brown, or Terry Ward.

**Constitution and By-laws Committee:** An oral review of the changes to the By-laws was conducted. Detailing the proposed grammatical changes, punctuation and the requirement to be a member in good standing prior to post officer nomination for office.

**Budget Committee:** Commander Sears talked again about the need of forming a budget committee and the disbursement of the funds received for Christmas Tree sales this year. The House Committee has prepared a list of items that either need to be repaired or updated and they would like some direction into prioritizing that list. Members needed for appointment to the Budget Committee.

**Chaplain:** Thomas Clayton stated that the Honor Guard will be on site for the Veterans Appreciation Flag Display at the Christian Academy and will tour the display as part of the Memorial Day tour of surrounding cemeteries. Thomas Clayton would also like everyone to know that Newberg Post 57 lost their Chaplain, services to be announced.

**Good of The Order:** Bob Berweger stated that the Lions Club Fly in would like to solicit help from Post 21 and help build a relationship between the Post and the Lions Club. He also suggested that we let them know of the medical equipment that is donated to the Post and perhaps they could take over this as they already do this for their members and the community.

Steve Farley would like to thank Jeanne Clayton for stopping and visiting with his mother, she is still not doing well but the visit brought her spirits up.

Meeting was adjourned at 19:46 hrs.

Next meeting 21 March 1830 hrs.