

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
Membership — JULY 18, 2018

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Steve Farley, **present**
First Vice — Larry Brown, **present**
Second Vice — Cody Pankey, **present**
Finance Officer — Gale Sears, **present**
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 — Ron Grose, absent
At Large — Terry Ward, **present**
At Large — Paul Schnell, **present**
At Large — vacant

Commander Farley stated that Jim Smith has resigned his position as at large with the committee. He further stated that he has had a few members express interest in taking that position. He will let everyone know who he will be selecting for the position after he meets with them.

Motion: by Thomas Clayton that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown — Passed.

Finance Report: Gale Sears presented the Finance Report. \$9,700 payment to IRS for back taxes for 2014-2017. Current total bank balances are \$99,000, with liquid assets of \$14,000.

Motion by Terry Ward that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Jeanne Clayton — Passed.

Commanders Report: Steve Farley wanted everyone to know that the support by Auxiliary for the recent Golf Tournament was “Phenomenal” thank you to everyone who volunteered and thank you to the players who participated, almost \$4,000 was raised to support veterans.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Thomas Clayton presented the ribbons that were awarded at convention. Post 21 received a blue ribbon for 100% membership for not only The Legion, but the Auxiliary and the Riders. We also received the Top Post Award for 100% goal hours for outstanding work in the community.

Thomas Clayton stated that he is taking over the reporting requirements for awards, it seems no reports have been sent to District and we did not receive any awards other than membership at Convention. Carlton received awards for their Honor Guard and for attending the Veterans Day Parade that was put on by Post 21. However, Post 21 received no awards because nothing was submitted.

He would like everyone to know he has also taken over the volunteer hours reporting, and the forms have changed. Please when you write down your hours, remember to put what branch you are representing, without that information your hours will not count.

Questions regarding volunteer hours: Attending meetings does not qualify. If you receive compensation of any type (i.e., meal, drink token, tips) the hours do not count as a volunteer hours.

Steve Randles stated that the IRS amount allowed for mileage for a charitable organization is 15 cents per mile.

Service Officer: Pinewood Derby is set for September 15th. Looking at pre-cut cars at a cost of \$6.50 each and we would sell them for \$12.50 each which also covers the entry fee of \$2.50. Would like to purchase 36 pre-cut cars.

Motion by Jeanne Clayton that we purchase awards and pre-cut cars for the Derby Race in an amount not to exceed \$300.00. Seconded by Ron Grose – Passed.

Flag Day: Rich Pimm would like to invite Shirley Freyer next year to present her Flag Display.

Officer Reports: 2nd Vice: Auxiliary Garage Sale – August 9, 10 & 11. Poker Run – August 25; District Meeting-Sept 9; Pinewood Derby Sept 15; POW/MIA Ceremony September 21.

Service Officer: Only one request for the month and it just came in today, will explain more after she speaks with them.

JAG: Department has conditionally approved the amendments to the by-laws. They are requesting that we seek approval from Internal Affairs. Still working on contacting them to figure out what the next step would be.

Chaplain: Randy Webb is in the Hospital in Portland. Tony Watts is in McMinnville Hospital. Alice Balcombe is in Lifecare. All are in need of your prayers.

Historian: Asking all Legion Families for pictures of their events to produce a photo book for the 100th year anniversary along with flyers and advertisements.

Honor Guard: Thomas Clayton stated that the Steel Mill has offered to help in the retirement of flags and as of last count the Post has collected around 525 flags they will be retiring them sometime in the near future.

The honor guard has been busy doing flag presentations a few of them were for Evergreen, for Law Enforcement, in Lafayette for National Night Out.

Sea Cadets: Angel Mendoza stated that all the Sea Cadets that applied to attend the Law Enforcement camp were accepted and will be attending.

Riders: Paul Schnell stated that there have been over 32 motorcycle accidents in the past thirty days many of them being fatalities. Please pay attention and watch out for those on motorcycles. Also, the Poker Run is on August 25th all are welcome to join, you don't have to have a bike. Volunteers are needed.

Auxiliary: Membership for 2018 has reached 135%. Debra Godwin has been elected District Two President.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Honor Room Flags: Thomas Clayton again motioned that the flags and poles in the honor room are in need of replacement. Adjutant Shirley Brown made a donation for the cost of replacement of flags and poles, Larry Brown and Ron Grose donated additional monies. Thomas Clayton stated he will order flags and replacement poles within the next week.

Action Figures for Heroes: Rick Pimm reported that he has received almost 100 donated action figures and law enforcement is very appreciative. Some of the officers are even arguing over who gets what action figure to put in their cars.

Former Commander Mike Morris wanted to thank everyone for allowing him the 30 years of service to the American Legion and announced that he will be stepping down.

ADJOURNED: 19:28