

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — February 16, 2022

ROLL CALL:

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

Service Officer — Tim Anderson - present
Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — excused
Historian — Bob Zeeck - absent
At Large — Bob Berweger - excused
At Large — Rich Pimm - present
At Large — Paul Schnell - present

Motion: By Jim Connelly that we approve the minutes as presented, - Seconded by Leroy Brown — **Passed.**

Sick/Injured: Donna Reed, Thomas Clayton, Bob Berweger, Steve Kindle.

Commander's Report: District 2 is now in first place for membership.

2nd Vice: Upcoming events Marine Breakfast 3/5; Air Force Breakfast 3/19; Navy Breakfast 4/2; Army 4/16. Jim Smith celebration of life 3/12. Drive by birthday on 1/29/22 Sam Fields went down on his bike and was transported to hospital. Flag line training coming up. New Riders Chapter in Vernonia.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$187,707.11; Lottery Account 50,487.39; Maintenance Account 3,351.01; Operating Cash - \$6528.68 = total assets of \$248,074.19. Upcoming expenditures: \$6,500 — drainage line for parking lot. HVAC repair \$693.00; Replacement for computer \$1,400.00.

Copier Contract for 5 years is \$16,694 provides 1,000 black and white and 400 color copies, extra charges if we go over. The contract increases 6% annually have 18 months left. Contacted by new company that says they can buy off the contract and get us a better deal. Will be contacting current company and see if they can get us a better deal.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that finance officer is authorized to pursue new copier contract, seconded by Leroy Brown — **passed,**

The executive board approved resealing the parking lot with membership approval. Total cost to reseal and restripe parking lot is \$14,874. We won't need to close as they will reseal half at a time.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we approve the expenditure of funds to reseal parking lot not to exceed \$15,000.00 — Seconded by Steve Randles — **Passed.**

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept the Finance Report as given, Seconded by Leroy Brown — **Passed.**

Service Officer: Will be drafting a letter to Best Western Motel to enter into an agreement for direct billing if a veteran needs shelter.

JAG: Changes to by-laws. **AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS:**

Article 2: Management Section #2: Change (following officers of the post) to (following **elected** officers of the post)

Article 3: Elections Section #1. Nominations: Remove wording "(Article 6)"

Article 5: Duties of Officers Section #5: Paragraph 1, remove "Provide a 12-month historical spreadsheet tracking financial trends."

Paragraph 2- Re-word (As approved by the Executive Committee and general membership, shall ensure 5 percent (5%) of monthly legion "profits" are transferred to the post maintenance ledger account. Provide oversight of external funds collected and held within the post accounts for future distribution.)

to say,

(As approved by the Executive Committee and general membership, 5 percent (5%) of the year-end post account balance

will be transferred to the post maintenance ledger account and the finance officer provides oversight of external funds collected and held within the post accounts for future distribution.)

Article #7: Appointments House Committee: Change wording from “the conduct” to (the misconduct)

United Veterans Honor Guard Committee (UVHG): ~~Remove~~**(United Veterans Honor Guard Committee (UVHG):** is a committee made up of members of the families of the American Legion Post 21. The UVHG shall maintain their unit as consisting of American Legion members in good standing.)

Article # 9: Meetings Section #4: Change – “The member will be allowed approximately five (5) minutes to address the Executive Committee, and then must leave the meeting.”

to: “The member will be allowed to address the executive committee on the topic at hand, and then must leave the meeting.”

Motion: By Dan Brown that we approve changes to the by-laws, Seconded by Paul Schnell – **Passed.**

At Large – Rich Pimm: Almost ready to order second monument, need an additional \$5,000.00. Locate has been done, received a donation of the ring needed for new monument. Will be putting 5 more names on current monument.

At Large Paul Schnell, Riders. Riders are involved in many activities, parades, events, escorts for funerals, drive by birthday events. Recently did an escort for Fire Fighter Memorial. Members of the Oregon Legion Riders recently conducted training for new post in Vernonia.

Auxiliary: We have three auxiliary members that are volunteering on Friday Nights. Had two members attend the District 2 meeting in Aurora. Recently visited the veterans at Brookdale gave blankets to 20 veterans including a 102 female veteran from WWII.

Sons: Keeping involved with Friday Nights, will be helping with breakfasts on the weekends.

House Committee: Still working on the odor issues. Ordered additional curtains for the back patio to help hold the heat in from the newly installed outdoor heaters. Windows will be cleaned this week.

Motion: By Gale Sears that we reimburse the House Committee Chair for the cost of the curtains not to exceed \$850.00, Seconded by Leroy Brown – **Passed.**

2nd Vice: Rules for Battle of Branches Breakfast money in (whoever makes the most money wins) Money in minus expenditures = net profits.

Jim Connelly said he would play taps the next time we drape the charter.

Leroy Brown presented a plaque to the Legion from the Sea Cadets.

Next Meeting: March 16,2022.