

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2017

Commander Gale Sears opened the meeting at 1829 hours

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 — Jerry Perry, _____ present
Past Commander — S. Farley, _____ absent
At Large — B. Berweger, _____ present
At Large — F. Martin, _____ present
____ 12 _____ Officers are present being a Quorum

ELECTIONS:

COMMANDER — Gale Sears no other nominations.

Motion: by Mike Morris that Gale Sears be installed as Commander by acclamation, seconded by Steve Farley. All in Favor — Motion passes.

FIRST VICE — Larry Brown — Angel Mendoza.

SECOND VICE — Terry Ward.

Motion: by Mike Morris that Terry Ward be installed as Second Vice by acclamation, seconded by Steve Farley. All in Favor — Motion passes.

ADJUTANT — Shirley Brown

Motion; by Mike Morris that Shirley Brown be installed as Adjutant by acclamation, seconded by Leroy Brown. All in Favor — Motion passes.

JUDGE ADVOCATE — Steve Randles

Motion; by Mike Morris that Steve Randles be installed as Judge Advocate by acclamation, seconded by Thomas Clayton. All in Favor — Motion passes.

SERVICE OFFICER — Jeannie Clayton

Motion; by Mike Morris that Jeannie Clayton be installed as Service Officer by acclamation, seconded by Thomas Clayton. All in Favor — Motion passes.

FINANCE OFFICER — Beth Lillibridge.

Beth introduced herself, explained that she runs her own business and has a business background.

Motion; by Mike Morris that Beth Lillibridge be installed as Finance Officer by acclamation, seconded by Jerry Perry. All in Favor — Motion passes.

CHAPLAIN — Thomas Clayton.

Motion; by Mike Morris that Thomas Clayton be installed as Chaplain by acclamation, seconded by Steve Farley. All in Favor — Motion passes.

HISTORIAN — Leroy Brown.

Motion; by Mike Morris that Leroy Brown be installed as Historian by acclamation, seconded by Steve Farley. All in Favor — Motion passes.

AT-LARGE:

Jim Smith - **Motion;** by Mike Morris that Jim Smith be installed to the At-Large position by acclamation, seconded by Leroy Brown. All in Favor — Motion passes.

Steve Farley - **Motion;** by Mike Morris that Steve Farley be installed to the At-Large position by acclamation, seconded by Leroy Brown. All in Favor — Motion passes.

Joseph Lillibridge - **Motion;** by Mike Morris that Joseph Lillibridge be installed to the At-Large position by acclamation, seconded by Leroy Brown. All in Favor — Motion passes.

After a count of the vote it has been determined that Larry Brown has been elected to the position of 1st Vice and Fred Martin has been elected to the position of Sgt. At Arms.

VISITOR: None

Commander: Gale Sears announced that volunteer hours have surpassed those of the last two years. The Post is now sponsoring three teams with McMinnville Parks and Recreation – Boys Majors Baseball – Team #4, Girls Softball-Team #1, and T-Ball – Team 12. Stop by and watch the kids play when you have a chance – schedules are posted on Post 21 website. Dave Adams from KLYC is running for the biggest Turkey with proceeds going to the Post.

SERVICE OFFICER: Jennie Clayton spoke about the upcoming Pinewood Derby Race and funds that will be needed to set up for the race, she requested funds in the amount of \$50.00 for decorations.

Motion; by Rich Pimm that \$150 be made available for funding of the Pinewood Derby Race, seconded by Leroy Brown. All in Favor – Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS: Newsletter advertising has not been renewed for at least a year. Mike Morris will be contacting businesses to renew advertising contracts. Mike Morris asked for a receipt with the Post FID# to provide to potential advertisers. Commander Sears presented receipt for approval.

Motion; by Steve Farley that Mike Morris be authorized to solicit advertising for Newsletter to help offset the cost of printing and mailing and be allowed to use the form as presented by Commander Sears.

Rich Pimm asked if information regarding the move of the Convention from Ka-Nee-Tah in Warm Springs to Three Rivers Casino in Florence.

Angel Mendoza announced that plans are moving forward for a Veterans Day Parade, has been approved by Yamhill County and announced that volunteers will be needed.

Boys State: Bob Berweger announced that we have no candidates that can attend Boys State. Salem has 15 Candidates and may need extra funding in order to send all eligible candidates.

Motion; by Mike Morris that we send \$660 for funding for two individuals to attend Boys State Department, seconded by Leroy Brown – all in favor passes.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

AT LARGE – Bob Berwenger; The Post has been donated 1 yard of bark dust by Jack Bailey. Jim Smith, Steve Randles, Randy Whitehorn and Bob Berweger spent a few days spreading the bark dust around the post. We have lost a few rose bushes over the winter. Steve Farley will donate the funds to have them replaced.

Jerry George stated that at the last Legion Riders meeting Officer Mike Larue, from the McMinnville Police Department explained the need for flags to be carried by officers for when a veteran passes away that a flag can be draped over the body and be presented to the family. The Legion Riders donated the money to purchase some flags, if anyone else would like to donate, contact the Riders. Angel Mendoza stated that the Honor Guard has donated 15 flags and the police union will match that donation.

Commander Sears presented Goals from the Executive Board for goals for next years.

- Increase our external Veteran support projects (consider involvement in Habitat veterans build this summer)
- Encourage more involvement with Junior Auxiliary and Sons' members. Encourage younger family membership.
- Provide each Executive Board member a binder with Constitution, By-Laws to reference and become familiar. Board members shall add their binder as specific details relating to their assignment are discovered or needed. Adding the detail necessary to do the job for their future replacement.
- Better communication between the E-Board and General membership concerning American Legion activities and required decisions. Encouraging more General Legion Membership involvement with the American Legion programs and activities.

SICK & INJURED: We have lost two more members, Don Endecott and William Andrist.

HAND SALUTE

CLOSING PRAYER: T. CLAYTON

ADJOURNED: 19:55