

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
Membership — June 20, 2018

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Gale Sears, present
First Vice — Larry Brown, absent
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
Sgt. At Arms — Bob Berweger, present
At Large — S. Farley, present
At Large — J. Smith, absent
At Large — Joe Lillibridge, absent

13 Members present.

Guest: Ken Chastain — potential new member. Army 67-69 U.S. Army Howitzer division.

Motion: by Steve Farley that the minutes be accepted as presented, seconded by Ron Grose — Passed.

Finance Report: Commander Sears presented that the bank balance is as follows: Post account = \$51,937.38; Lottery = \$55,727.48; Cash = \$10,109.26 == Total \$127,773.51. Cancer Bingo = \$225. UVG = \$3,189.49.

Further the outstanding balance for payroll taxes from 2014-2017 is approximately \$9,000.00 — Finance Officer recommends that the balance owed be paid in full, and to get this behind us.

Motion by Steve Farley that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Ron Grose — Passed.

Commanders Report: Lighting has been upgraded and the company that installed the lights was very appreciative of the outstanding assistance they received from the members that showed up to help. The fundraiser for Traci Spurgeon was a HUGE success with over \$11,000 raised. Father's Day was also a great success and the Auxiliary did a great job not only with the excellent food that was prepared but their organization, Great Job!

Presentation to Outgoing Commander Sears: Steve Randles presented Commander Sears with a gift certificate from the members. Gary George presented Simm Sears with a Pendleton Blanket from the Grand Ronde Tribe. Debra Godwin wanted to thank Commander Sears for his support of the Auxiliary and to know that he will be missed.

Installation of New Officers: Ann Everetts, District 2 Commander performed the installation ceremony for the in-coming officers for 2018-2019: **Commander** - Steve Farley; **First Vice** — Larry Brown (with stand-in); **Second Vice** — Cody Pankey; **Finance Officer** — Gale Sears; **Adjutant** — Shirley Brown; **Judge Advocate** — Steve Randles; **Service Officer** — Jeanne Clayton; **Chaplain** — Thomas Clayton; **Sgt at Arms** — Ron Grose, **Historian** - Leroy Brown; **At Large** - Terry Ward; **At Large** - Jim Smith (by stand-in).

OLD BUSINESS: JAG Steve Randles read the proposed changes to the Constitution to add the United Veterans Honor Guard under the umbrella of the Legion. Motion by Thomas Clayton, seconded by Angel Mendoza all in favor — Motion Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: None. **Jim Connelly:** would like to go backwards a little. He would like to thank Commander Sears and to let him know that it has been a pleasure to serve under his direction and leadership.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commander Farley stated that the volunteer hours as tracked by Commander Sears are as follows: Army 276; Navy — 351; Air Force — 171; Marines — 347 for a total of 1,145 hours. Commander Sears stated that many of the hours written down do not have a Branch associated so they can't be counted. If you are

a member of the Son's or Auxiliary you are a member under a sponsor (Father, Mother, Grandfather, Son, etc.) you should put down those hours under your member sponsor.

Good of the Order:

Angel Mendoza stated that he received a call from Sponsors for the Legion Law Enforcement Camp and the deadline is today. He would like to send the information tomorrow – the Auxiliary and the Riders are each sponsoring one candidate, would like to see the Legion support a candidate as well.

Motion by Rich Pimm that the Legion sponsor one candidate for the Legion Law Enforcement Camp at the cost of \$200.00, seconded by Steve Randles – Passed.

Point of Order: Steve Randles would like to know if there is a vetting process for new members. The only vetting that the Adjutant said was accomplished with new members was that they had to meet the qualifications of membership and have served during the required dates.

Motion by Steve Randles that we accept Ken Chastain as member in Post 21 American Legion – Seconded by Rich Pimm – Passed.

Angel Mendoza stated that the Social Potluck held earlier this month was a success, members from Sheridan and Carlton attended and they are looking forward to the next Potluck. Angel is trying to plan another one in the fall and is hoping that Carlton will be the host.

Jim Connelly stated that Josh Crossman – Junior at Dayton High School is on day three at Boy's State and is having a very good time. Jim expects him to report at next Month's meeting on his adventures at Boy's State.

Leroy Brown stated that the scheduled BBQ with the Boy Scouts has been postponed until sometime this fall.

Sick or Injured: Rich Pimm stated that prior Commander and member Ben Unger was seriously injured in a hit and run in Yamhill and his medical costs are extremely high. Rich is requesting that the Post help him out and give him \$2,000. Commander Farley suggested that the Post sponsor a fundraiser. Terry Ward stated that this was discussed at the activities meeting and they are planning to do something in conjunction with the Carlton Post where been is a member. Will update as things progress.

Ron Woodard – if anyone know how to get ahold of him, please let Bob Berweger know.

Joan Wikus is having surgery.

Lil Farley is still in assisted care.

Rick Olson had a stroke keep him in your prayers.

ADJOURNED: 19:21