

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — November 20, 2019

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Steve Farley, **present**
First Vice — Robert Berweger, **excused**
Second Vice — Terry Ward, **present**
Finance Officer — Gale Sears, **excused**
Adjutant — Shirley Brown, **present**
Judge Advocate — Steve Randles, **present**
Service Officer — Juan Palacios, **present**

Chaplain — Thomas Clayton, **present**
Historian — Leroy Brown, **present**
Sgt. At Arms — Jim Connelly, **present**
At Large — Paul Schnell, **excused**
At Large — Sam Fields, **excused**
At Large — vacant, **present**

Minutes: Motion by R. Grose that we accept the minutes as printed- Seconded by Leroy Brown— Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance: Finance report presented by Finance Officer, Gale Sears: **Post accounts = \$67,828.74. Liquid Assets = \$14,951 — TOTAL Assets = \$82,779.74.** We are showing an increase in assets from October of \$12,806.38. Honor Guard balance \$\$1,704.73 (no report available). We have obtained Directors and officer insurance along with Workers Comp. New bookkeeper will start on the 1st — Cassie Price. Have reimbursed Mr. Palacios for the ramp purchased for veteran.

Motion by J. Palacios that we accept the finance report — Seconded by L. Brown— Passed.

GUEST: Brian Sauer — Lions Club (Though mentioned as a guest he is a Legion Member and a former Army Officer and enlisted. Mr. Sauer explained that Mr. Berweger has been volunteering loading medical equipment and learning about all that he and his wife do. Volunteers are needed to help clean the many medical devices that are donated to the Lions for those in who can't afford them or don't have Insurance, Medicare or other means to pay for the items they need. Items are given to those in need free of charge. The Lions supply about 100 devices a week and also deliver them to those in need. Volunteers are needed to also be at the facility to hand out items when client comes to pick up equipment. There are two hour shifts every Monday and Wednesday times are 9:00 am — 11:00 am and 1:00 pm — 3:00 pm for 8 hours per week. If you have time and can help contact Brian Sauer — 503-550-2980.

Auxiliary: Becky Berweger stated that the Auxiliary has again started the Christmas Toy and Food drive and it is looking like they are going to need some help with funds. Salvation Army and YCAP have already closed their application process.

Motion by Cody Pankey that the Legion match the Riders and donate up to \$1,500 to the Auxiliary to assist in the Toy and Food Drive. Monies not used to be returned. Seconded by Leroy Brown — Passed.

Commanders Report: We are in need of officers — need someone who will step up and fill positions for the next election. Contact the Nominations committee for further information.

Received a call from Habitat — residents of the RV park have been walking their pets in the open lots and not cleaning up after their pets. Bottom line — clean up after your pets!

Food prices are on a continual increase, need to seriously consider increasing our prices — we are the cheapest in town but need to consider an increase.

Sons — Pearl Harbor Breakfast December 8th from 8:00-Noon.

Riders — No meeting this month, special meeting December 11.

2nd Vice: Upcoming events; 11/28 Thanksgiving Potluck; 11/30 Civil War Potluck; 12/7 — Auxiliary Christmas Bazar; 12/8 — Sons — Pearl Harbor Breakfast; 12/18-20 — Christmas Baskets; 12/21 — White Elephant Christmas Party.

Service Officer: Juan Palacios received a request from a veteran who had a stroke and can no longer speak, can only communicate by writing. He is YCAP eligible but sine the request came in during the Veterans Day weekend we put him up for at the cost of \$77 night.

Volunteer Hours: Total of 223 for November, however Mr. Clayton stated that he found completed sheets stuffed in the back of the logbook that still need to be counted.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: A memorial bench in Memory of Toni Watts has been donated to the Legion. For those of you who don't know Don & Toni Watts were very instrumental in the building of the Legion at its current location. Need to figure out if we want the bench and where to place it.

Motion: By Tony Amodeo that we place the Memorial Bench at the front of the building – Seconded by Cody Pankey – Passed.

Gale Sears asked what the progress was regarding scanning and placement of the Legion Charter. It has been missing from the wall for over three months. Would like to see it back. Leroy Brown stated he will get with Sam Fields and see if he can get it done, if not he has another source and will get it done. To update Commander of status.

Sick or Injured: Glenna Smith is home. Ron Grose stated his wife had a mini stroke.

DOOR PRIZE GIVEAWAY: Bruce Peterson.