

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — July 21, 2021

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 — present
Service Officer — Tim Anderson — present
Historian — Bob Zeek- present
At Large — Bob Berweger - present
At Large — Rich Pimm - present
At Large — Paul Schnell

New Members: Chris Molver - USMC.

Motion: By Shirley Brown that we accept Chris Molver as a new member of Post 21, seconded by Leroy Brown — Passed.

Motion: By Jim Connelly that we accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown — Passed.

Finance Report: Total Assets \$199,378.50. This now includes the Payroll Protection money that has been transferred into the post account. This includes \$10,290 for the Golf Tournament of which we will need to pay \$6,210 to Michelbook to cover the golf registrations. This makes the total assets at \$175,971.60. This is the second month that we have not received a financial report from the Honor Guard.

Motion: By Jim Smith that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Dan Brown — Passed.

Commanders Report: Working on replacing the Legion Flag as it is worn, tattered and dirty. The National Commander was here for dinner earlier this month, he had a great time and enjoyed our Post. There was a write up in the paper. Juan informed everyone that his son has passed away in Texas, he is an Air Force Veteran. He was cremated in Texas and his mother brought him home to Oregon to be buried. The Riders are going to escort him to Willamette National Cemetery.

Second Vice: Upcoming events are July 24th — Salute to Veterans Golf Tournament. July 31st Air Show, August 13, 14 & 15th Auxiliary Yard Sale, September 18th Riders Scholarship Poker Run. Chili Cook-Off is still on hold, Oyster Feed still on hold, Battle of the Branches still on hold.

Chaplain: Thomas Clayton said a gentlemen came in for dinner on Friday, his brother was in the VA Hospital and asked if Thomas would visit him. Thomas went to the hospital and met the brother and prayed with him. Said he was incredibly pleased that the Chaplain came to see him. There will be a new process when a Post 21 Legion Member passes away, we will drape the Charter and play taps at the beginning of the meeting. Was just informed that the local Hospital does not have a Chaplain, so if you hear of someone who needs a Chaplain or you need one, call Thomas Clayton.

Historian: The Car Show on the 4th was a huge success took lots of photos.

Riders: Paul Schnell said the Scholarship Poker run will be September 18th there will be a list going out asking for volunteers not only for the Poker Run but for the BBQ and Auction afterwards. On July 31 there will be a Birthday Ride for a 99-year-old WWII veteran is a Bronze Star recipient. Will meet at Wilsonville Toyota at 1:00 pm, leaving at 1:40 cars, motorcycles everyone is welcome.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Berweger: Volunteers are needed for the air show, will be putting up fencing on July 28th and tearing down on July 30th, need 4 or 5 people.

Rich Pimm: Received a \$5,000 donation for the Rose Garden Memorial, there is \$10,000 in the account now, it will cost approximately \$14,000 for the new stone and additional costs for the mounting base and electrical wiring. Rich would like to see a committee formed to help with the fundraising efforts to get a new stone. Rich was appointed Chairperson of the Committee, additional members appointed are Paul Schnell, Leroy Brown, and Angel Mendoza.

Auxiliary: Glenna Smith, upcoming garage sale August 13, 14 and 15 looking into the proceeds to be split among the families based on how much involvement there is by the families

Honor Guard: Angel Mendoza stated that on Saturday 9/11/21 there will be a buffet breakfast and at 10:30 there will be a Remembrance Memorial Ceremony. On August 8th the Honor Guard will be doing the opening Ceremony for the Destruction Derby.

Angel stated that Evergreen has asked for volunteers for the Air Show, they need help at the Museum they will be renting spaces to watch the show. They also are asking for volunteer bar tenders to serve at the Beer Tent. Also need volunteers to prepare meals and supervising the Sea Cadets who will be spending the night.

House Committee: Dan Brown stated he received a report of ants in the dry storage area, he called an exterminator, and they came that very afternoon, they will be coming quarterly at the cost of \$99.00. The arborvitae was trimmed last month. Cleaned out the smoking shed and can shed. All extra tables and chairs have been moved to the smoke shed, which is now strictly storage. Received new chairs for the dining room. Fred Wagner's RV has finally been removed. The bank even paid the cost of it being in dry storage since February.

Camera upgrade will cost approximately \$3,200. This is a state-of-the-art camera system with 15 cameras. The cost includes, cameras, mounts, wires, and a DVR recorder. The DVR is currently on sale for \$200 off until 7/31 then it will go up. The current system has been piecemealed together for the last five years and is failing.

Motion: By Steve Randles that we authorize the House Committee to Install the new camera system as quoted with the funds coming from the maintenance account. With a line item on what is spent on the security system. Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we authorize the continuing Pest Control at \$99.00 per quarter. Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob Berweger said the Heritage Center is having a modified Harvest Festival on August 21 from 10:00 – 4:00, they need volunteers. August 21st is National Lemonade Day the Riders are planning on a ride to hit all the Lemonade stands in town.

D.E.C. (Department Executive Committee) Juan said he was asked at convention if Post 21 would host the DEC in September. He did a poll of the Executive Board and all, but one person was in favor. We will have one person who is the liaison between us and Evergreen. Department will pay for building, hotel rooms, and this time if they don't have a ticket then they don't eat.

Good of the Order: Jim Connelly said the Honor Room is looking much better. Need to update the pictures in the entry.

Sick and Injured: Tammy DeKar has Delta variant COVID. Keep Juan in your thought as he just lost his son.

Motion: By Steve Randles that we adjourn, seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

Next meeting August 18, 2021.