

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — September 15, 2021

ROLL CALL:

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

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

Guests: Michael Warrens from the International Air Show thanking the post for the help in putting up the fencing for the show. Presented the Post with a check for \$1,000.00 along with photos and a bag of Jelly Bellies. They are grateful for the help they received and look forward to next year.

Motion: By Shirley Brown that the \$1,000.00 be given to the Rose Garden Memorial Fund for the Purchase of a new monument. Seconded by Thomas Clayton - **Passed.**

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Rich Pimm — **Passed.**

New Members: Steve Jacks — USN USS LaSalle, living in Dayton. Jim Black, Army Reserve 69-71.

Motion: By Thomas Clayton that we accept Steve Jacks as a new member, seconded by Tim Anderson — **Passed.**

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept Jim Black as a new member, seconded by Thomas Clayton — **Passed.**

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$177,732; Lottery Account 35,715; Maintenance Account 8,862; Operating Cash - \$12,713. = total assets of \$190,446. Paid from the Post Account the following bills \$999 to re-key the building, \$1,100.00 for the gas line for the Patio Heaters and \$2,800 for the new cameras for a total of \$4,900.00 would like to see this money come from the Maintenance Account.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that the \$4,900 be taken from the maintenance account, seconded by Thomas Clayton — **Passed.**

Motion: By Bob Berweger that we accept the Finance report as presented, seconded by Rich Pimm — **Passed.**

Commanders Report: While putting the flags on the bridge there was a three-car crash none of our members who were putting up the flags were hurt. However, this brought up the need for more safety equipment. Juan Palacios and Tim Fuller purchased a new Stop/Slow sign, adult safety vests, two flashing light bars for vehicles and a barricade with a very bright flashing light. Cost was \$500.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we reimburse Juan Palacios and Tim Fuller for the cost of the safety equipment. Seconded by Bob Berweger — **Passed.**

Commander wanted everyone to know that there is a new Commanders Complaint/Suggestion box, and he is the only one who has a key. If a complaint is unsigned then it will be taken as a suggestion. The accused has the right to face the accuser so it must be signed to be taken as a complaint. District Two meeting on September 12th was held at Post 21 it was a good meeting and there was a good turnout. The new Legion Flag has been ordered it will take about two months to get it.

Draping of the Charter: We will now drape the charter in memory of Joe Japel and Jim Smith who have gone to Post Everlasting.

New Business:

1st Vice: Membership is at 57%, we now have 238 members who have renewed. District Two is now in 4th Place.

Chaplain: Jerri Paul's Mom is in the hospital.

Historian: Working on pictures of recent events at the Post.

Sons: Oyster Feed coming next month October 16th - \$12.00 per plate.

Riders: The Riders and the Honor Guard did a Birthday Drive by for Jim Black. Congratulations to Angel Mendoza and the Sea Cadets for the Great Ceremony they had on 9/11. Scholarship Poker Run to raise money for Local Scholarships is this weekend the 18th you do not have to be a Rider to participate, you can ride in a car. There are lots of prizes to be given away, come out and support the local youth.

Honor Guard: Did a Birthday drive by earlier this month with the Riders, the Police and Fire departments also participated. On 9/11 had a Ceremony, it has been 20 years since the attack. Did a flag presentation at Evergreen for the Mayor of Sandy, who will be running for Governor. Did flag presentation at P.I.R. (Portland International Raceway) Dept of Oregon had a booth. MIA/POW Table ceremony on 9/17.

Memorial Rose Garden Update: Currently we have \$11,850 dollars in the bank to go towards purchasing a new monument estimated cost for new monument and installation is \$30,000. The Marble alone is \$15,000. Would like to see a \$3,000 donation from the Legion and will be asking the other families to contribute.

Motion: By Rich Pimm that the Legion donate \$1,500.00 towards the cost of a new monument, which includes the \$1,000 from the earlier motion seconded by Shirley Brown – **Passed.**

House Committee: Scheduled Appliance Hood Cleaning, new keys have been issued along with new alarm codes for everyone. Met with a company out of Amity to address the flooding in the parking lot. Waiting on an estimate. Camera upgrades are ongoing.

Good of the Order: When considering making a motion having a discussion before making the Motion might cut down on the amendments.

Volunteer Hours for 2021 so far are: Legion – 3,427: Auxiliary – 1,936: Sons – 951: Riders – 1,191: Army – 638: USMC – 293: Navy – 830: USAF – 1,980 for a Total of 11,244 hour total combined.

Sick or Injured: Debra Jushae is having shoulder surgery tomorrow. Jerri Paull's mother is still extremely ill. Jim & Bobby Vansycok both tested positive for COVID.

Next meeting: October 20, 2021.