

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership 3/21/18
March 19, 2018

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 – Bob Berweger, present
At Large – S. Farley, present
At Large – J. Smith, absent
At Large – Joe Lillibridge, present
11 Officers are present being a Quorum
20 Members present

AWARD PRESENTATION: Commander Sears presented a Challenge Coin to Clair Abrams for her hard work and dedication in advertising our events and the efforts of the Legion.

GUEST: Bob Hyde explained the need for the post to purchase a defibrillator, not only do to the age of our membership but it is the law. Oregon Law requires that a building over 50,000 sq. feet and over 50 patrons is required to have an AED and trained personnel. Adam Finnicum gave a presentation of a self-contained Defibrillator and showed how user friendly it is. Bob Hyde stated that the total cost for the unit is \$1220.00. Training will cost \$45 for the basic CPR class and \$58 for the CPR/First Aid class.

MOTION: Motion by Walter Wright that we invest in the purchase of a defibrillator and the training of key personnel. Seconded by Ron Grose – Passed.

MOTION: By Steve Farley that we accept the minutes as written, seconded by Leroy Brown – PASSED.

Finance Report: Commander Sears gave the finance report as follows: Post Account \$54,062; Lottery \$48,287; Cash on Hand \$14,969 Total \$117,318. Paid out Cancer Bingo \$1,509; Maintenance \$448.

MOTION: By Steve Farley that we accept the Finance Report as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown - PASSED.

Commanders Report: Commander Sears reiterated that the post is in dire need of a Finance Officer. Please if you have time and knowledge, please consider offering your time. Commander Sears will be presenting Tony Meeker with a certificate for being a 50-year member of the American Legion at the Navy Breakfast. The Post has been presented with the opportunity to support a gender neutral Scout Troop. The 1st effort made by The American Legion was to support Scouting; the Troop will be chartered by the Auxiliary. Commander Sears stated the need for a finance committee and asked for volunteers. Steve Randles, Leroy Brown and Bob Berwenger volunteered for the committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Commander	–	Larry Brown	–	Declined
	–	Steve Randles	–	Declined
	–	Gale Sears	–	Declined
1st Vice	–	Larry Brown	–	accepts
2nd Vice	–	Terry Ward	–	accepts

Finance Officer	—	Gale Sears	—	accepts
Adjutant	—	Shirley Brown	—	accepts
Judge Advocate	—	Steve Randles	—	accepts
Service Officer	—	Jeanne Clayton	—	accepts
Chaplain	—	Thomas Clayton	—	accepts
Historian	—	Leroy Brown	—	accepts
Sgt. At Arms	—	Cody Pankey	—	accepts
	—	Joe Lillebridge	—	accepts

Commander: Commander Sears explained that we have a new bid for the LED Lighting of \$594.00 the new bid is greatly reduced, as the labor will be provided by members.

Motion: by Steve Randles that the post spend the funds needed to replace the lighting and ballasts with LED lights. Seconded by Juan Palacios. - Passed.

The post has a request from the Chamber of Commerce that the Post take over the cooking of the Turkey during the Turkey Rama celebration. After some discussion it was determined that it would not be in the best interest of the Post to assume those duties.

Commander Sears presented the statement from the Chamber for advertising in the amount of \$700, he also presented a new proposal from a different Company – Yamhill County Live in the amount of \$100.00, this company will provide almost the same type of advertising at a cheaper rate.

Motion: by Ron Grose that the post proceed with advertising with Yamhill County Live and not continue with the Chamber, seconded by Walter Wright – Passed.

Commander Sears stated that the Post expended funds (approximately \$350.00) for the purchase of a new meat slicer for the kitchen.

Commander Sears presented a drawing of an advertisement board to be placed in the front of the building. It is suggested that pictures of Legion Officers be placed on the outer edge in frames and advertisement be placed in the center.

Motion: By Jeanne Clayton that we move forward with the new presentation board, seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

1st Vice: Larry Brown presented stickers that sell for \$5.00 each, the stickers are for all Legion Families, the stickers can be ordered with the Post Name, branch, or other information.

Motion: by Walter Wright that we purchase stickers for use by the membership, seconded by Ron Grose – passed.

Member D. Witt stated that he would pick up the cost for the purchase of stickers.

Motion by S. Farley that the Post purchase 200 stickers for the Post. Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

2nd Vice: T. Ward stated that all members are welcome to attend the activities meetings. If you would like to see an activity at the Post, come to a meeting and let us know.

Upcoming events: March 25 – Air Force Breakfast; April 8 – Navy Breakfast; April 22 – Army Breakfast; May 5 – Cinco De Mayo; 13 – Mother’s Day Brunch; 28th

JAG: Changes made in the Constitution & By-laws presented to membership with 20 members present all in favor of changes.

SERVICE OFFICER: The post has received a request from a Veteran for the need of a wheel chair ramp – the auxiliary has volunteered to cover this. Also received an additional request, however the cost was prohibitive, and we declined the request for help.

CHAPLAIN: Thomas Clayton explained that in his duties he spent 2 hours in the ICU with a veteran by the name of James Jones.

HONOR GUARD: Thomas Clayton stated that the Honor Guard presented honors at two services this month along with two flag presentations to civic groups.

HISTORIAN: Leroy Brown stated that he is working on two more photo books for the recent events at the post.

AUXILIARY: The auxiliary stated that their membership is now at 101%. The St. Patrick's Day dinner was a huge success. The Junior Auxiliary moving forward and they currently have 8-10 junior members.

SONS's: Son's stated that nominations will start next month and their membership is at 75%, they appreciate all their dual members.

RIDERS: The Riders started that they participated in a funeral procession for a 22-year-old daughter of a veteran. The daughter committed suicide and the family asked for help from the Riders.

NEW MEMBER: Russell Barney, Evergreen Member, WW2, Korean Veteran. Motion by Jim Connelly that we accept Russell Barney, seconded by Thomas Clayton – Passed.

Steve Farley explained that John Petersen is appealing his suspension from the American Legion and Post 21 refusal to allow him to transfer to another post. The trial is to be held in Ontario it will require an overnight stay by the three officers required to attend.

Motion by Ron Grose that the post pay the cost of lodging for one day for the three officers needed to attend the trial, seconded by Bob Berwenger – Passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 20:21 hrs.