

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — September 19, 2022

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present
First Vice — Vacant
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 — Vacant
Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — present
Historian - Vacant
At Large — Bob Berweger - present
At Large — Rich Pimm - present
At Large — Dan Brown - present

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

Guest: Francis Bain and Stephanie Baumann from American Income Life Insurance Company presented their insurance program they offer supplemental insurance for veterans at no cost. With a dedicated veterans liaison. They don't take a membership list, they only way they will contact you is if you return the card they send out.

New Member:

Daniel Jimenez, Army, has requested a transfer to Post 21 from AD114 Texas, has been a member for one year. Although Mr. Jimenez is not present the membership needs to vote on his transfer. 18 No, 1 Yes. Mr. Jimenez's request for transfer has been denied.

Joe Becker, USMC, Vietnam Veteran, 6 years USMC. Motion by Steve Randles that we accept Mr. Becker as a member of Post 21, Seconded by Bob Berweger — Passed.

DRAPING OF CHARTER: In Memory of Raymond Mader — WWII Veteran.

Commander's Report: I am a new Grandpa, "Pride Manuel Palacios" took a time for him to breathe, but he is doing great.

We finally received the Space Force Flag. The Post donated \$300 to widow whose husband was a Veteran and she could not afford the cost of cremation.

Sheridan Post is asking for donations to put a new roof on their building.

Motion: By Bob Berweger that we donate \$500.00 to Post 75 — Sheridan to help with funding for a new roof, seconded by Jim Connelly — Passed.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we donate \$100.00 to Oregon State Police fund.

Since we no longer have a 1st Vice, Historian or Service Officer I would like to nominate Leroy Brown, Joe Gallagher and Armond Pillote. After a vote from the members present the following appointments are made Joe Gallagher — 1st Vice; Leroy Brown — Historian; Armond Pillote — Service Officer.

2nd Vice: Upcoming activities: 1/15 — Oyster Feed; 11/11 — Veterans Day Dinner by Burts BBQ; 11/12 Veterans Day Parade; 11/16 — Depot Bay drawing; 11/24 — Closed for Thanksgiving.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$216,008.46; Lottery Account \$66,749.04; Maintenance Account \$3,087.92; Operating Cash - \$9,483.13 = total assets of 295,329.06. Requesting to transfer \$189.45 (5% of profit) to maintenance account.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that Finance Officer be authorized to transfer \$189.45 to the maintenance account — seconded by Dan Brown

Motion: By Dan Brown that we accept the finance report as given, seconded by Leroy Brown — passed.

Chaplain: Terry Ward is recovering from surgery. Jeanne Clayton is scheduled for Carpel Tunnel Surgery; Gene Hamilton not doing well has sepsis in his legs. Sam Fields is not doing well.

At Large Bob Berweger: The Post has received \$2,500 from the International Air Show. Next year's Air Show will be September 29th, 30th and October 1st, 2023.

Veterans Day Parade is still in the planning stages, working with Angel on planning. We have verbal approval for the Parade Route. Connelly is getting a band together; we will need a P.A. system for 3rd Street announcements. Need more vehicles to transport participants. Hopefully, we can get a van.

Working on getting a Highway sign in memory of Gary Hodgson who was on board and was killed during the collision with the HMAS Melbourne on June 3, 1969.

At Large/House Committee Dan Brown: The Post was closed on September 12th for a deep cleaning, cleaned the walk in and under the grill and the cleaned the lounge.

We have two horseshoe pits in the yard, would like to remove the one that is never used and improve the one that is used.

Motion: By Rich Pimm that Dan be authorized to remove the 2nd Horseshoe Pit and improve the other one – seconded by Gale Sears – Passed.

At Large Rich Pimm. Rose Garden balance \$1,3000.00. Put 50% down for the new stone, it is on its way.

Would like the Post to make \$25.00 per month donation to Tunnels to Towers Project.

Motion: By Rich Pimm that the post donate \$25.00 per month to Tunnels to Towers Project.

Would like to see the money in the Quarter Jar be dedicated to the Rose Garden.

Motion: By Paul Schell that the Money from the Quarter Jar be dedicated to the Rose Garden – Seconded by Leroy Brown – **FAILED. (11 No, 5 Yes).**

Auxiliary: Been working on updating the calendar for upcoming events. Selling tickets for Crab Trip October 15th tickets are \$20.00.

Riders: Did well on the Scholarship Poker Run with lots of participants.

SAL: 11/11/22 Veterans Day Spaghetti Feed 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. 10/15/22 Oyster Feed.

New Business: Do we want to sell Christmas Trees this year. Jim Connelly is going to check on pricing and availability.

Steve Randles: Got a request from the Band of Brothers was wondering if anyone would help out with Veterans homes.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we donate \$100 to the Band of Brothers – seconded by Bob Berweger – **Passed.**

Adjourned.