

**THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21**  
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Commander Gale Sears opened the meeting at 1830 hours

**ROLL CALL:**

Commander – Gale Sears, \_\_\_\_\_ present  
First Vice – Larry Brown, \_\_\_\_\_ **ABSENT**  
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 – Jerry Perry, \_\_\_\_\_ present  
At Large – J. Smith, \_\_\_\_\_ present  
At Large – S. Farley, \_\_\_\_\_ present  
At Large – J. Lillibridge, \_\_\_\_\_ present  
\_\_\_\_ 11 \_\_\_\_ Officers are present being a Quorum  
\_\_\_\_ 16 \_\_\_\_ Members in audience

MINUTES from last meeting - Steve Farley motions that we accept the minutes as emailed and presented.  
Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

Commander: Commander Sears reported that there is a new flag on display in the club area that was flown over Afghanistan one year ago today. A coin box has been purchased to display coins the post has received; House Committee is tasked with finding a spot for its display. The post spent \$3,200 last month replacing the worn-out swamp cooler, all families donated to the cost of the replacement saving the post from draining the maintenance fund. Commander Sears relayed information regarding First Federal, if you are a member of First Federal hours that you donate to the Post can be paid to the Post at \$2.00 per hour; you need to sign up at First Federal.

FINANCE REPORT: Commander Sears gave a brief finance report stating that the club had \$27,311 in the checking account. Since the bookkeeper has left the Club Manager and Commander have taken over her duties and at this point is not possible to create a profit and loss statement.

Motion by Steve Farley that we accept the finance report as presented by Commander Sears – seconded by Joseph Lillibridge.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: upcoming events; 9/21<sup>st</sup> - POW/MIA ceremony, Friday Night Meat; 9/29 Meat Raffle, 9/30 Son's BBQ; 10/14 – Sea Cadets Fund Raiser; 10/28 Octoberfest/Halloween Party; 11/4 – Awards Banquet; 11/11 Veterans Day Parade. Thanksgiving has yet to be decided – not enough volunteers. The club is again looking in to starting a Pool League, signup sheets are on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed for all upcoming events.

JAG – Not much that can be addressed yet. Bylaws committee will be proposing minor changes should rap it up by the first of the year. Our Insurance Agent phoned and stated that the Post's Insurance Carrier found out we paid \$50,000 toward a claim last year and have since dropped our insurance, our agent has found us a new policy but is working on improving the coverage.

SERVICE OFFICER: Female Veteran at Old Stone Village is in need of deck repairs in the amount of approximately \$167.00 from what can be seen.

MOTION by S. Farley that the Post donate money to cover cost of deck repairs up to \$300 to Old Stone Resident for deck repairs, seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed.

CHAPLAIN: Thomas Clayton reported that a number of our older vets are having health issues. If you know someone how is in the hospital or on hospice let him know so, he can visit them.

HISTORIAN: Working on the photo book for the Evans Memorial. Also, took quite a few pictures during the POW/MIA Ceremony which will also be put in an album.

AUXILIARY: Chaplain for J. Clayton looking giving the post a percentage of their revenue to donate towards the maintenance fund.

HONOR GUARD: Looks like they will have all funds needed to purchase uniforms for all Honor Guard members. Also, have been requested to place the Colors at the Veterans Golf Tournament.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Looking for new members from all the families. Working on the RV park and dog control issues, parking is also being addressed. Will be declaring a fire lane in the near future so look for it so you don't park in the fire land. Hired a replacement janitor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Advertising Board will be removed by March 31, 2018. RV Power connections have been brought back to the 30 amp boxes.

NEW BUSINESS. It was discussed that the post acquires a defibrillator and provide training to all employees.

Motion: Leroy Brown motioned that we move forward with obtaining a Defibrillator and providing training for all employees, seconded Joseph Lillibridge – Passed.

Golf Tournament: Steve Farley talked about the upcoming Veterans Appreciation Golf Tournament at Michelbook on October 1, 2017, you do not need to be a vet to participate. Michelbook is donating the carts and all profits received will be given to the post. Tee time is at 9:00 am, cost is \$75 per person.

Motion by R. Pimm that the Post Sponsor the 18<sup>th</sup> Hole in the Golf Tournament and provide a gift certificate for Prime Rib Dinner for two – Seconded by C. Seiber – Passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Don Watts wanted to know why the picture of he and his wife along with Dean & Happy Swanson was taken down? They were instrumental in getting this building for the post and wanted to know why the photo was removed. S. Farley stated that the club should get the photo framed and placed back in the club.

Veterans & First Responder Appreciation Parade: Angel Mendoza stated that the Parade will start at Praise Church and end at Oregon Mutual parking lot. Families will be in charge of organizing their entries. Angel Mendoza will prepare a list of participants and order two weeks prior to the Parade.

Jim Connelly stated that the Second Winds Band will be performing again this November in Honor of Veterans at the Community Center at 3:00 p.m.

HAND SALUTE

CLOSING PRAYER: T. CLAYTON

ADJOURNED: 19:27