

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — March 16, 2022

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 — excused

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

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we approve the minutes as presented, - Seconded by Jim Connelly — **Passed.**

New members: Bruce Billettt — Joined the Air Force in 1972 was stationed at Mt. Hebo, got out in 1980 went to work for Intel, retired after 35 years.

Motion: By Shirley Brown that we accept Bruce as a new member, Seconded by Thomas Clayton — **Passed.**

Commanders Report: Chairs have been reupholstered by a donation of \$350 donation. Have ordered 3 chair dollies. We are now at 100% membership with all families at 100%, which means we are a goal post. Carlton is in first place we are in second. District 2 is in second place. The State Commander came in for lunch last week, he thought our Post was the best one he has seen.

2nd Vice: Upcoming events Air Force Breakfast 3/19; Navy-Coast Guard Breakfast 4/2; Army 4/16. Looking at the Chili Cook-off in May and Crawdad Feed sometime in August.

Finance Officer: Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$197,362.02; Lottery Account 53,250.87; Maintenance Account 3,351.01; Operating Cash - \$6574.18 = total assets of \$260,538.08. We received a \$12,000 donation with the request that \$2,000 be given to the Sea Cadets and \$10,000 be put in the maintenance account. Profit for last month was \$463.00. Paid \$7,600 for parking lot repairs and building maintenance. Copy machine contract is due to expire in two years, suggest we stick with current contract. Working on removing the insurance from the copier as we already have insurance for the building and contents.

Motion: By Jim Connelly that we accept the Finance Report as given, Seconded by Paul Schnell — **Passed.**

Chaplain: There was a mix up in scheduling the Blood drive that was supposed to be this month. It is now scheduled for May 25th from 9:00 am — 3 pm. Register ahead using Sponsor code Post21MAC. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room and after to put things back.

Memorial Day May 30th, Riders, Auxiliary and Sons will be going to local cemeteries in Amity, Dayton, Carlton, and McMinnville in the morning. Will return to the Post afterwards for BBQ and ceremony for those we have lost with TAPS and rifle volley.

JAG: Have to submit newly elected officers to Department 45 days prior to Convention, we are 10 days short of that. Propose two months of nominations (March & April) with installations after elections in April or move the May Membership meeting to the first week in May.

Motion: By Tim Anderson that we move elections to two months instead of three, Seconded by Paul Schnell — **Passed.**

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we move the General Meeting and elections to May 3rd this year, Seconded by Rich Pimm — **Passed.**

Historian: Marine Corps. Started the Battle of Branches had 2 good signs, Marines served breakfast Auxiliary ran the raffle and silent auction with the Sea Cadets helping.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we change the Constitution and By-laws to only two months of elections with installation in April, Seconded by Thomas Clayton — **Passed.**

At Large: Rich Pimm announced that the Rose Garden Memorial Fund is now at \$20,330.35, with \$15,280.72 in donation. We are \$5,000 short but we are getting closer. We received a donation for the ring for the new monument. Hope to have the new monument done before the end of Summer.

At Large: Paul Schnell the Riders will be doing a Birthday drive by for Peggy Lutz who will be turning 100 this year. ORALR meeting in Redmond next month. Seaside Western Romp is in June

Auxiliary: Worked the Marine Breakfast, attended Jim Smith's celebration of life. Auxiliary has 20-25 volunteer hours. We had 9 new members last month and we are at 100%.

Sons: Working, helping on Fridays. We now have 45 members.

House Committee: Want everyone to know that the Air Force Breakfast is this Saturday, would like to see everyone there for the best breakfast in town. Parking Lot cost will be adjusted due to the shortage in fuel around the nation. Odor is believed to be caused by the RV park; suggestion is to install a backflow device to prevent the gasses from coming into the building at a cost of > \$2,500 or redo the sewer lines so the RV park has a dedicated line at a cost of <\$30,000. Getting bids to have the HVAC ducts cleaned.

We have a request from Bob Berweger that we again support McMinnville Parks & Rec baseball program. Cost will be \$750.00.

Motion: By Paul Schell that we donate \$750 to McMinnville Parks & Rec baseball program, Seconded by Steve Randles – Passed.

Nominations:

Commander – Juan Palacios

1st Vice –

2nd Vice – Terry Ward, Jim Connelly

Adjutant – Shirley Brown

JAG – Steve Randles, Leroy Brown

Finance Officer – Gale Sears

Sgt at Arms – Robert DeKar

Service Officer – Tim Anderson

Chaplain – Thomas Clayton

Historian – Leroy Brown

NEW BUSINESS: Delegates for Convention June 22-27, 2022. Rich Pimm, Gale Sears, Jim Connelly, Paul Schnell, Bob "Doc" Wilson.

Good of the Order: Robert Barnett, been watching the news lately and wondering if what is happening in Ukraine were to happen here how many would stay and fight and how many would leave. Propose a familiarity class for firearms, learn how to shoot, how to adjust the sites, a retired firearms instructor might be willing to help. Contact local ranges, clubs and see if they can help. It was suggested that whoever attends must sign a waiver holding the Post harmless. Safety training before shooting can be done at the post if there is NO AMMUNITION.

Gale Sears asked if anyone saw the article in the newsletter regarding the increase in prices. Based on the cost of food, payroll, licenses, insurance etc., we lost \$27,000 in the last few months just keeping the kitchen open so we must increase our prices. Not a dramatic increase but there will be an increase in April.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2022.