

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting – June 17, 2020

ROLL CALL:

Commander – Steve Farley, **present**
First Vice – Robert Berweger, **present**
Second Vice – Terry Ward, **present**
Finance Officer – Gale Sears, **present**
Adjutant – Shirley Brown, **present**
Judge Advocate – Steve Randles, **present**
Service Officer – Juan Palacios, **present**

Chaplain – Thomas Clayton, **present**
Historian – Leroy Brown, **present**
Sgt. At Arms – Jim Connelly, **present**
At Large – Jeanne Clayton, **present**
At Large – Paul Schnell, **present**
At Large – Cody Pankey, **absent**

Review of Minutes: Motion by Steve Randles that the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown - **Passed**.

Special Guest: Debra Godwin. We had two drive bye celebrations for people to recognize Vineyard Heights and another care home to recognize, honor and pay our respects to our Veterans.

Finance Officer: Post Account \$36,4456.39; Lottery Account \$49,100.31; Cash \$10,392.00. Accounting update, having moved to the active accounting Quick books server. 2019 taxes remain incomplete. Quick Books data entry for 2020 is stalled from January. Based on CPA limiting access to 2020 software. Finance officer has taken responsibility for cash management, \$17,000 in deposits have been made in the last four weeks. Will be meeting with the bank on Friday to review the Payroll Protection Information. Recommendation from the finance committee is that we reconcile 2018 taxes, get 2019 done and find a new CPA.

Motion: Paul Schnell that we accept the finance report as presented, seconded by Leroy Brown – **Passed**.

Commanders Report: Commander Farley explained that the executive Board voted to follow the recommendations of both National and Department to suspend the election portion of the bylaws and cancel elections and have everyone remain in place until next year’s elections. If someone chooses to step down from their position, then a replacement will be found. Leroy will be out of town but will attend meetings electronically. He has stepped down from liaison with the Sea Cadets and the placing of the flags on the Bridge. Debra Godwin has offered to take the position. We were able to secure a grant for \$2,500 from the County. During the closure the Board had discussions on what could be done to improve the Post and the number one issue was the flooring in the restaurant area.

2nd Vice: Going to try and have a barbeque on the 4th but with COVID not sure we will be able to.

Adjutant: We have reached 100% membership.

Service Officer: One request from a veteran wanted \$50.00 monthly to be sent to a relative in Mexico. Declined to assist them.

Chaplain: Mike Morris is in bad health and has been fighting Parkinson’s Disease. There is no longer a volunteer Chaplain at the Hospital all have been furloughed due to the pandemic.

Historian: Upcoming Centennial celebration for Post 21, would like to do a coin to be presented to every member in good standing. Would like to include all families.

Motion: Dan Brown that we give active members who show up a Post 21 Centennial Coin with a limit of \$300.00, seconded by Jim Connelly – **Passed**.

Jr. Auxiliary: Jeanne Clayton stated that the Jr. Auxiliary has been making ear savers for the Veterans homes. Many of the veterans have thin skin and the masks are causing bleeding issues along with that many of our Veteran’s wear hearing aids and they just don’t work with a mask. The buttons we are using saying “Made with Love” We have delivered to Lebanon Veteran’s Home, will be sending to The Dalles next. Need donations for materials. Commander Farley donated \$100.00.

Son’s: Terry Naig The Son’s had their first meeting this month since the pandemic started. Elections were held by email. As soon as we are able The Son’s will be having an oyster feed, just waiting for things to open up.

Riders: Paul Schell stated that the Oregon Veteran’s Motorcycle Association is having a ride on June 26th – 28th it is the “Oregon POW-MIA Memorial Hwy 26 Ride” There is a \$50 registration fee up until June 26 on the 27 it will be \$60.00. Post 21 will be doing a scholarship run on September 12th more information forthcoming. This year the Riders awarded \$4,000 in scholarships

to 4 local high school seniors. Also Post 21 Riders were awarded the Charter of the Year award for 2019 and Milwaukie Post 180 received the Charter of the Year award for 2020.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander: Volunteers are needed for Committee Chair and Committee members. Terry Naig is stepping down from the House Committee do we have any volunteers. Publicity – Debra Godwin; By-Laws – Steve Randles; Nominations – Terry Ward; Boys State – Jim Connelly and Bob Berweger; Baseball – Bob Berweger. Open Committees are Visiting Members; Americanism; Child Welfare; and Oratorical. Please consider if you have time and can serve either as a member of a Committee or as Chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Bear Contest: Commander Farley stated that the Beard Contest that was scheduled for June 26-27 has been canceled, the group would like to do it next year and would still like Post 21 to be the recipient of the funds raised. Will update next year.

Good of the Order:

Motion: Bob Berweger that we move forward with replacing the flooring with a \$5,000 limit. Seconded by Jim Connelly – **Passed.**

Facilities: Gale Sears explained that there were many items on the list of improvements for the facility, however we just don't have the funds to get everything done. The number one item on the list was the flooring and the second was the drainage in the parking lot. Which will require digging down to the current drain and adding a pipe to drain the water to the street near the storm drain. Do we want to get some bids on getting this taken care of, it is not a problem now but come fall we will once again have a flooded parking lot.

Sick and Injured: Wendy Hyde had foot surgery is on the mend, Mike Morris is fighting Parkinson's. Steve Randles mother. Paul Schnell's Aunt.