

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — June 17, 2019

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, **excused**
Service Officer — Juan Palacios, **present**

Chaplain — Thomas Clayton, **present**
Historian — Leroy Brown, **present**
Sgt. At Arms — Ron Grose, **present**
At Large — Paul Schnell, **present**
At Large — Sam Fields, **present**
At Large — Cody Pankey, **excused**

New Members: Richard Randall — Vietnam Veteran, McMinnville Resident — Rich Pimm moves approve as a new member, second Ron Grose — passed.

Minutes: Motion by Leroy Brown Seconded by Thomas Clayton that Minutes be approved — Passed.

Guest: Becky Berweger — Auxiliary. Yard Sale is August 2-4 donations are now being accepted.

Finance: Gale Sears stated that we have received two checks in memory of David Witt for \$100.00 each. One will be deposited in the post account the other will go to the Honor Guard. A form has been created for fund raisers to ensure that any monies received will be credited to the correct account/fund raiser. Post account = \$24,094.55; Lottery = \$38,935.06; Cash on Hand = \$8,768.91 = Total Liquid Assets = \$71,798.52. **Motion:** by Terry Ward, seconded by Rich Pimm that we accept the finance report as presented. Passed.

Commanders Report: Steve Farley apologized for his absence has had family issues. Reported that there we are still having issues regarding portion control, but it is getting better. Also reported that there are still issues with bookkeeper with entries and timeliness of entries. He will address this with the bookkeeper.

1st Vice: Bob Berweger stated that at the last membership meeting the attendance was less than that of the board. Would like to see more attendance at meetings.

2nd Vice: Terry Ward reported the following upcoming activities: June 22 — 9-Noon Work Party. 3:00 — Celebration of life for Gary Heaton. July 4 — BBQ Salad Contest, dessert contest, fun & games 12 — 4. July 1 — 31 Auxiliary accepting donations for Garage Sale. August 2-4 — Auxiliary Garage Sale.

Service Officer: Juan Palacios stated that we received a request for help from a veteran who stated he was working at Lowe's assembling items and needed help to pay his rent. After a little research it was determined that this was not actually not true, we declined to assist him. Also received a call from St. Helens from someone who wanted help getting a veteran into a care home, research proved it was most likely a family dispute — again opted not to assist. Juan stated that he has changed the form required for assistance, so it is easier to determine if the person requesting assistance is actually a veteran.

Judge Advocate: Gale Sears for Steve Randles reviewed the changes to the bylaws that have been proposed and need to be vote. **Motion** by Terry Ward that we accept the changes to the Bylaws and Constitution — seconded by Ron Grose — Passed.

Chaplain: Tomas Clayton stated that both Gene Hamilton and Bill Pankey are out of the hospital and on the way to recovery.

Historian: Leroy Brown stated that a member has offered a copy of the Stars & Stripes from Christmas Day- Korean War and wanted to know if we should accept it to display on the walls. Discussion on having the original charter duplicated and the ORIGINAL not being displayed but put in a safe storage place. Sam Fields stated he has a scanner and can produce a digital copy of the charter. Historian reported that he has been approached by Laura Logan/CNN and they want to do an expose on Post 21 will keep us informed. Further stated that he has started painting the picnic tables in the back.

At Large: Paul Schnell thanked Gale for creating the form for fund raisers. Thanked everyone who showed in Sheridan. Scholarship Poker Run is now set for September 7th – volunteers are needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commander Farley asked for volunteers for Committee assignments, many open positions volunteers are needed.

House Committee -
Publicity – Leroy Brown
Americanism -
Child Welfare –
By-Laws – Steve Randles
Nomination Committee –
Boys State - Jim Connelly (*maybe*)
Oratorical – Jim Connelly (*maybe*)
Baseball – Bob Berweger
Public Service Awards – Terry Ward

Rose Garden & Memorials: Rich Pimm stated that he is considering increasing the price to have a name put on the monument. Was \$50, suggesting it be increased to \$75.00 He has been waiting until there was enough money to cover the cost – unfortunately this resulted in a very long delay. By increasing the cost, he feels he can get the engraver her more often and also build a fund to purchase a new monument as we will soon run out of room on the current memorial. After some discussion it was decided that Rich could increase the cost without board or membership approval as he is in charge of the Rose Garden and Memorials.

Flag Retirements: John Hatch stated that he attempted to take the flags to the Steel Mill, but the procedure has changed. He will attempt to take them at a later date. He stated that there were 17 boxes of flags and he was appalled at the condition the flags were in, said he and his wife spent most of a day folding and repackaging the 17 boxes down to 10 boxes.

Flag Day: Rich Pimm thanked the membership and the Board for their attendance and participation at the Flag Day Ceremony.

Take a Soldier Fishing: The Auxiliary donated Turkey breast which were smoked/barbequed at the post and sent to the Lake – 174 people were served. Terry Ward wanted to thank everyone for their help – and wanted everyone to know it was a great success.

Golf Tournament: Steve Farley stated that the Golf Tournament has been cancelled this year. Any funds that have been received will be returned.

Good of the Order: Thomas Clayton reported the following volunteer hours for June – Army – 57; Marines – 66.5; Navy 84; Air Force 41 for a total of 248.5 for June. Remember to write your hours down.