

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — February 15, 2023

ROLL CALL:

Commander — Juan Palacios — present
First Vice — Joe Gallagher - 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 — Armond Pilotte - present
Chaplain — Thomas Clayton — present
Historian — Leroy Brown - present
At Large — Bob Berweger - excused.
At Large — Rich Pimm - present
At Large — Dan Brown - present

Guest: Kevin Wherry — Pack 522 — Committee Chair; Patti Stritzke — Troop 266 Committee Chair; Troy Blair Troop 266 Scoutmaster; Tashina Blair Troop 266 Committee Chair; Carol Hall Troop 266 & Pack 522 Advancement Chair; Michael Hall Troop 266 Assistant Scoutmaster. Would like Post 21 to sponsor Scout Group. Would like to use the Posts Tax Id Number. Would like to know how the Scouts could help the Post. Will discuss with Finance Officer.

Chaplain: Terry Ward is undergoing Chemo. Mike Morris — struggling with health issues; Jeanne Clayton — going to have wrist surgery; Steve Scholenburg in Seattle undergoing stem cell transplant.

2nd Vice: Upcoming Activities: 2/14 Valentine's Dinner; 2/15 Riders Scholarship meeting; 3/5 Navy Battle of Branches Breakfast; 3/13 Activities Meeting; 3/19 Air Force Battle of Branches Breakfast; 3/29 Vietnam Veterans Day; 4/2 Marine Corps. Battle of Branches Breakfast; 4/9 Easter; 4/16 Army Battle of Branches Breakfast/ 4/17 Activities Meeting; 6/17 Take a Soldier Fishing — Haag Lake.

Motion: By Jim Connelly that the Post provide \$400.00 for food for Take a Soldier Fishing in June - Seconded by Leroy Brown, Passed.

Service Officer: There is one veteran in a local senior living facility in Sheridan needing financial assistance, put him in contact with State Service Officer. Another request from John Waterman has involvement with the VA looking to the future when he may need assistance in getting around for groceries, doctor's appointments, etc.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$240,284.70; Lottery Account \$81,471.95; Maintenance Account \$4,085.28; Operating Cash - \$9,722.71 = total assets of 335,564.64. Showing a growth of \$8,033.82 since January 16, 2023. Requesting to transfer \$401.69 (5% of profit) to maintenance account.

Motion: By Leroy Brown that Finance Officer be authorized to transfer \$401.69 to the Maintenance Account — seconded by Jim Connelly - Passed.

At Large Dan Brown: Bar stools have been recovered at the cost of \$651.00. Have a bid from Farnham Electric for the RV Park electrical at \$1,875.00, still waiting on a second bid from S&S Electrical. Fire Extinguishers have been inspected.

At Large Rich Pimm: Solar Lights have been installed on the monuments. There is \$10,984 left in the Memorial Account still need to pay for concrete work. Hopefully the third monument will be installed in the next few weeks.

Judge Advocate: Changes in the bylaws requiring every Board Member to sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

Motion: By Dan Brown that we approve the changes in the by-laws, seconded by Leroy Brown — Passed.

Chaplain: Cheerleaders asked for help last year to attend National Competition, they came in 3rd place. First fighter pilot from D-Day passed at 103 years young.

Historian: Sea Cadets will be cleaning the Vietnam Memorial in Portland.

Gail stated that he will be stepping down as Finance Officer, he is willing to train a replacement. Did an audit of the Rose Garden Account all is correct. April is Child Abuse Prevention on April 22nd there will be a Tri-Tip fundraiser.

Auxiliary: Glena Smith Auxiliary will be starting nominations next month.

Commander: If the Post is going to sell Christmas Trees, we will need to order them soon. Douglas Fir 5'-7' will cost \$15.00 each, Noble will cost \$46.00 each.

Motion: By Gale Sears that Juan be Authorized to move forward to purchase Christmas Trees, Seconded by Leroy Brown - Passed

Bob Berweger has resigned flag patrol duty; Dan Jones has volunteered to take over responsibility. We had 17 guests from a local senior center including a 92 year old Veteran from WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Will be putting up a Closed sign on the Lottery Room if money has not been counted.

Will be putting a sign on the donation box "Veterans Assistance."

1st Round of nominations will begin next month, Mike Billings has volunteered to be the Chairperson for the Nominations Committee.

Pool Table have a member who will provide a \$500 donation if we were remove the pool table from the dinning room.

Motion: Rich Pimm that we recover the Pool Table with new felt, put in new bumpers and a sturdy cover, Seconded by Leroy Brown – Passed. (10 Yes, 2 No.)

Unfinished Business: A.D.A. Door.

Motion: By Dan Brown that the Post spend the money and have the A.D.A. Door, seconded by Thomas Clayton – Passed.

Good of the Order: Request for donation of \$50.00 to the National State Troopers Association.

Motion: By Leroy Brown that we donate \$50.00 to the National State Troopers Association, seconded by Mike Billings.

Adjourned.