

THE AMERICAN LEGION-POST 21
126 Atlantic Street NE — McMinnville — OR — 97128
General Membership Meeting — January 18, 2023

ROLL CALL:

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

Motion: By Jim Connelly that we approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Thomas Clayton - Passed.

Guest: Michael — CEO of Hospital, Army Veteran, San Antonio Texas — Flight Medical. Eric Duncan From VFW — Navy Veteran. James Moad Air Force Veteran. Jose Romero — Military Police. Jerry Wagner — Navy Veteran, currently at Air Museum. Paul Jelinas — USMC — 20 years.

Motion: By Leroy Brown that we accept all these as new members - Seconded by Leroy Brown, Passed.

Chaplain: Sick or Injured — Terry Ward, Jeanne Clayton, Steve Scholenburg, Mike Morris, Bruce Peterson. Bruce's father-in-law passed and he has a wheelchair ramp that he would like to donate to a veteran in need or a veteran widow.

Flagpole lanyard broke in the high winds and flag was blown away an employee from Zippy Fiber is going to bring a boom truck in and replace/repair the lanyard sometime this month.

Commanders Report: Membership is what keeps us going, we are at 75%. Let us know if something needs repaired. Each family member is important to the Post.

Need a Chairman for the Nomination Committee, they will need to let potential candidates know what the duties are for the position they would like to hold. Mike Billings volunteered to chair nomination committee.

Fist Vice: Has resigned.

Second Vice: Jim Connelly is willing to take the First Vice Position. Upcoming events are Superbowl on 2/12; and Valentines Day Dinner on 1/14.

Service Officer: Veteran lives in Newberg needs help with rent would like to see the Post donate \$400 to pay a portion of his rent. He is a veteran and he and his wife are both unemployed, landlord says he needs to catch up on rent or he they will be evicted.

Finance Officer: Current Post Account Balance \$233,213.87; Lottery Account \$79,483.31; Maintenance Account \$4,247.62; Operating Cash - \$10,586.02 = total assets of 327,530.82. Showing a growth of \$23,733.26 since November 14, 2022. Requesting to transfer \$1,186.66 (5% of profit) to maintenance account.

Motion: By Dan Brown that Finance Officer be authorized to transfer \$1,186.66 to the Maintenance Account.

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.

Motion: By Paul Schnell that we accept the Finance Report as presented — Seconded by Tony Amodeo — Passed.

House Committee: Executive Committee has approved having the restrooms cleaned on a monthly basis. Issue with power at RV Park looking at bringing up power from 200 amp to 400 amp. Quote from Farnham says we don't need to bring up to 400, the box we have is 20 years old. They believe we can either change some of the circuits and spread out the wires. Replacement of box and circuits will cost almost \$1,875, replacing circuits will cost \$375. Need to get a new vacuum for Rick.

At Large — Rich Pimm: Monument artwork is complete it is still curing, will take at least 10 days to cure. Concrete work is complete need to have lights installed. There is \$11,000 in the account, would like to have \$8,000 left to cover the people who have pre-paid to have names engraved on the new monument. Tunnels 2 Towers project is going well have already sent \$300.00 will be sending about \$110 a month.

Chaplain: If you have family or know of a Veteran that is in the Hospital, let him know he will visit them in the hospital. When a member of Post 21 passes we drape the charter and lower the flag, the family is invited.

Historian: Plaque presented to Post from Sea Cadets. Leroy stated he is willing to be the Liaison for the Sea Cadets and the Boy Scouts. Has recently installed a new amp and it is working great.

Auxiliary: Last Month Christmas boxes were given to 37 families. Hazelnuts are now \$7.00, we will be sponsoring a softball team this year.

Sons: The Sons served 60 people at the Pearl Harbor Breakfast, 3 of which were WWII Veterans. Colonel Parry came in for his 99th Birthday.

Riders: At the last DEC meeting Tony Amodeo was awarded the Ride for Life award for Oregon.

Good of the Order: Gale Sears wants to know what happened to the reports of Volunteer Hours, why is this not being reported. Adjutant apologized, the plate is too full and hasn't had time to work on totaling hours. Robert DeKar volunteered to take over compiling hours.

Bob Berweger asked about Historian's page and where it can be accessed.

Paul Schnell – Director of the Oregon American Legion Riders would like to acknowledge the Volunteers of the Riders – Gale Sears, Robert DeKar, Jim Connelly, Steve Randles. There is a ride in memory of Jack Baily during the Convection in Coos Bay.

Jim Connelly – presented Chili Cook-off T-shirt to Rich Pimm, the winner.

Battle of the Branches Breakfast in March and April.

Motion: By Mike Billings that the Post purchase a new fryer – seconded by Leroy Brown.