

American Legion Post 105 General Meeting
Minutes

November 8, 2017

Prayer by Chaplain Bob Page

Opening Ceremonies led by Commander Dave Collins

Meeting declared open by Commander Dave Collins

Roll Call of Officers by Adjutant John Robinson; Bob Page to be added to list. All present.

Minutes read by John Robinson. General Meeting minutes approved.

Executive Board minutes read for information only.

Guest Richard Pierce

Chaplain Bob Page read names of persons added to Post Everlasting: Gene Brown
Page Langdon
Bernard Cole
James DeBois
Andros M.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Jim Peters passed out building management report

Activities:

Unsung Heroes ceremony was held at Vets Center

Blue Star Mothers used our building to put together packages to mail

BBQ & Car show at Menlo Park VA had a good turnout. Over 200 burgers served

District 26 held a meeting in our building

Veteran of the Year lunch at Marriot Nov 9. Romie Bassetto will be honored.

Nov 11 at Redwood City Courthouse Square Ceremonies: Be on site before 9 A.M.

Nov 12 Parade at Fisherman's Wharf 11 A.M.

Nov 14 BBQ at VA Clinic on Sneath Lane San Bruno 10:30 A.M.

Nov 14 Stand Down in Dixon. It is a three-day event

Nov 18 Early Bird dinner at 6 P.M. Please RSVP.

Dec 7-8-9 Stand Down at Coyote Point at the Knoll Camp Area. Sponsored by Lion's Club. Volunteers are needed. There is a website. Contact Dave or Jim for the web address for volunteer signups.

Dec 9 Lunch at Harry's Hoffbrau for Veteran's at 11 A.M.

Dec 16 Reach Across America at Golden Gate Cemetery

Rentals:

Nov 11 Baptism and Birthday party

Nov 13 - Dec 29 Christmas tree sales in our parking lot

Nov 24 Brickhouse Wrestling Tournament

Dec 3 National Guard Event. No Bar sales.

Dec 20 Woodside High School Staff in the bar only

Dec 31 Birthday Party

Jan 13 Birthday party

Jan 27 Birthday Party
Mar 10 Kiwanis Cioppino Dinner
Mar 17 Boxing
May 12 Wedding
Jun 2 Quinceria
Jun 30 event
Jul 21 Baptism and Birthday Party
Jul 20 Wedding

These rentals aren't enough to compensate for negative cash flow.

Correspondence:

William Jackson, Jr read a list of events at area businesses to honor Veterans.

Year round places that offer Veteran discounts are Home Depot, Bass Pro Shops.
Mike Touchat said if a group of Legion members want to go to a San Jose Sharks game Nov 11. there will be a discount and the Post will be mentioned on the JumboTron.

Update on the project to update the Post by Dave Collins:

Working on an agreement with Republic to

- 1—tear down old building and replace with a new building that is 15,000 sq. ft., which is 2,000 sq. ft. larger than current building
- 2—Increase parking spaces to 125. Currently it's 101.
- 3—Construction could start at end of 2019.
- 4—We will be given money for an endowment that is an annuity. The interest will help us pay the bills
- 5—300 apartments will be built mostly on SamTrans property and 15% will be low-income housing with veterans being preferred.

We will send more information to you. We will have small informational meetings. At the December General Meeting would like approval on what we are doing.

Much is still up for negotiation regarding what we want in our building. Dave showed first drafts of what the project could look like.

We will need help in deciding what we want inside the building

We will need help in deciding what to keep and store during the building process.

Jim Peters explained the handouts:

Professionals measured our buildings and we have a total of 13,372 sq. ft. We want 14,000 to 15,000 sq. ft.

The second page shows the Post main building specs. A new bar would include office and storage area and bathrooms. We can make the bar bigger or smaller if we want.

Page three shows options.

We need committees to help us transitioning from what we have and designing what we want, and executing. We are looking for volunteers.

Open for questions

*Are the 125 parking spaces for Post use only? Yes.

*What taxing agencies are involved? Post is considered C19; we deal the state & property tax.

*Will there be retail space or apartments only? Undecided at this time.

*If there is retail does that cause problem with our non-profit status? No.

*Does occupancy of apartments have anything to do with HUD? No.

*Is the \$60,000 based on earned income? It is based on what you report to IRS.

*Are the two property options shown what will be voted on in December? No, not until other decisions are made.

*What is status of EIR on this project? 1) Core samples showed apples, but not a commercial venture that would need clean up. The apples were from neighborhood trees. 2) We might be able to piggyback on project next door. No major surprises are expected.

*Are plans made for where we meet during construction? Yes. We probably will move into the Armory at Red Morton Park. We will help take care of it in lieu of rent. We might be able to store some things there.

McGarvey House could possibly be moved to Red Morton Park.

For the Good of the Legion:

Dave Collins says Dec 4 Milbrae City Council meeting could use Veterans to come and show support for the current proposed veterans' low cost housing near BART. Rose Herrera is a contact for that. Republic Development will take those vets who go to the meeting to dinner the following night.

It was mentioned that mailings should be more timely about the building project.

Small Pot of Gold \$44. Number 782508 Rich Martinez

Large Pot of Gold Number 508 Frank Martinez \$250

Chaplain led Memorial Service: Bob Page Moment of silence for those who passed to Post Everlasting and for those who are in harm's way.

Meeting adjourned.