



MINUTES

11/10/2021
7:00 pm

Type of meeting:		American Legion Post 105—General Meeting				
Presiding Officer:		George Smith, Commander				
Note Taker		John Robinson, Adjutant				
ROLL CALL	OFFICER	NAME	P	E	A	NOTES:
	COMMANDER	GEORGE SMITH	X			
	1 ST	TOM DAY	X			
	2 ND	LEO MCARDLE	X			
	3 RD	WILLIAM JACKSON	X			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	WILLIAM JACKSON	X			
	CHAPLAIN	DENNIS LOPEZ.	X			
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	TREASURER	VERN MULL	X			
	SGT at ARMS	AL ROSENMILLER	X			
	ASSISTANT SGT at ARMS					
	HISTORIAN	WILLIAM JACKSON	X			
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	VSO	CHESTER PALESOO	X			
	JR. PAST COMMANDER	ROMIE BASSETTO	X			
	MEMBER@LRG	WILLIAM JACKSON	X			
	MEMBER@LRG	ROBERT MEADE			X	
MEMBER@LRG	ROMIE BASSETTO	X				
MEMBER@LRG	CHESTER PALESOO	X				
MEMBER@LRG	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X				
MEMBER@LRG	JOHN ROBINSON	X				
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	GUEST NAME:					
	Guests who attended the Early Bird Dinner					
	Auxiliary members who attended the dinner					
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES of Oct 13, 2021 were distributed electronically	Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as electronically transmitted. Motion passed.					
CORRESPONDENCE	FROM	None				
	DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS					
REPORTS	REPORT BY:	George Smith, Commander *Veterans Day ceremony at Courthouse Square, Redwood City. Supervisor Warren Slocum is Master of Ceremonies Captain Hank Scherf, USNR-Ret is the keynote speaker.				
	DISCUSSION:					
	REPORT BY:	Tom Day, 1 st Vice *Membership renewals are about 55%. *Free membership lotto: the winner receives a free 1-year membership renewal, or can give the membership to another person. The person winning was Eleanor Jimenez, but was not present.				
	DISCUSSION:					
	REPORT BY:	Leo McArdle, 2 nd Vice *We have a dinner every meeting. Please let others know. *Wifi is available in this building. *Kitchen improvements in this building continue; shelving is coming. *We fixed a broken window caused by the last big storm.				
	DISCUSSION:					

		DISCUSSION:	<p>Commander Smith: we have one estimate for a roof repair and are getting a second estimate this week.</p> <p>*The Shriner's Jesters group that rents here once a month serves food and needs this kitchen. They have helped with plumbing and other things for us.</p>
		REPORT BY:	Dennis Lopez, Chaplain If you know of a veteran who passed away, let me know and will say a word for our passing veterans.
		DISCUSSION:	Chaplain's contact information is on our website.
		REPORT BY:	Chester Palesoo, VSO We are starting a Community Outreach tomorrow trying to get more members here.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	William Jackson, 3 rd Vice He attended a Flag Ritual Ceremony at Cypress Lawn and took pictures. He'll give the pictures to Michael Toschak for publication.
		DISCUSSION:	<p>*George Smith: Something that is sacred to us is the proper disposal of our flags. A new law prohibits burning flags of synthetic fabric. We gathered our cotton flags and properly put them in a casket provided by Cypress Lawn and observed them being incinerated. Next year we hope to let people know in advance so they can attend the ceremony.</p> <p>*Leo McArdle: proper disposal of nylon flags is to cut out the field of blue leaving the field of blue intact; and then cut the stripes once vertically and once horizontally. The four pieces can then be disposed of.</p>
		REPORT BY:	Vern Mull, Finance Officer Total Assets \$398,208.55 Total Liabilities \$387,167.61 Profit and Loss statement: we are barely above water in paying for expenses by our rentals. Bar inventory taken Nov. 2 will be available soon.
		DISCUSSION:	George Smith: rentals have been good lately and so we've had to take very little out of our building fund to pay for our expenses. We document all spending. If you need to see the books, they are open.
		REPORT BY:	Michael Toschak, Webmaster and PR Please visit our website at www.americanlegionpost105rwc.org Or visit our Facebook page.
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	Al Rosenmiller, Sgt. at Arms The Post Building Planning Committee has been formed and is starting work.
		DISCUSSION:	George Smith said the other members of the committee are Romie Bassetto, Leo McArdle, Stan Maupin, and Al Rosenmiller. Tom Gianinni may also join the committee.

OLD BUSINESS	George Smith	Ceiling in Main Hall. We are still looking for a solution. Previous contacts have been too expensive or are not interested.
	George Smith	Security cameras. We have quotes from ADT and ATT. If we get bingo games going again we will quickly get cameras installed. We are in the process of getting a waiver from the city so the bingo company can use the Charitable Foundation's license.
	George Smith	Nov 24 is our third Commander's Coffee. Thanks to Michael Toschak for the coffee maker; to Carol Rael and Romie Bassetto for the coffee; to Leo McArdle for the cream and sugar; to Peggy Toye for the pastries. Items on next year's agenda for the coffee mornings are showing people how to use myLegion website and having the VSO officer here to answer questions about your benefits. Make sure you have George's email.
	George Smith	We have ping pong tables, basketballs etc for families to use.
NEW BUSINESS	ITEM 1	Lights in the parking lot
	BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR BY:	Leo McArdle
	ACTION	Please respond to Leo if you can climb a ladder and help with the lights.
	NEXT STEP DATE	
	ITEM 2	USS Hornet is open Veterans Day
	BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR BY:	Al Hirsch
	ACTION	Tours free to veterans.
	ITEM 3	Elks Club Veterans Day Dinner
	BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR BY:	George Smith
	ACTION	Nov. 11 6:00 pm. It's \$15 for veterans and \$30 for others.
	ITEM 4	Happy Birthday, Marines
	BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR BY:	George Smith
	ACTION	Dates of armed forces birthdays are on the Post website.
	ITEM 5	Veterans Day ceremonies at Golden Gate National Cemetery
	BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR BY:	Mike Cooney
	ITEM 6	Pools open at Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and Menlo Park Hospital by appointment
	BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR BY:	Cobbey

Pot o' Gold	\$112 in the pot and \$56 went to the winner who donated it back to the food fund.
Meeting Adjourned	