



MINUTES

01/11/2023
7:00 pm

Type of meeting:		American Legion Post 105—GENERAL MEMBERSHIP 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, JR	X			
	JUDGE ADVOCATE	ROBERT CLAUNCH		X		
	CHAPLAIN	COBBEY SOVA	X			
	ADJUTANT	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
	FINANCE OFFICER	VERN MULL	X			
	SGT-at-ARMS	AL ROSENMILLER	X			
	HISTORIAN	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X			
	VSO	CHESTER PALESOO	X			
	JR. PAST COMMANDER					
	MEMBER@LRG	STAN MAUPIN		X		
	MEMBER@LRG	WILLIAM JACKSON, JR.	X			
	MEMBER@LRG	JOHN ROBINSON	X			
MEMBER@LRG	MICHAEL TOSCHAK	X				
MEMBER@LRG	AL ROSENMILLER	X				
MEMBER@LRG	CHESTER PALESOO	X				
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS	GUEST NAME:					
General Membership MINUTES of 11/09/22 were posted on our website	MOTION TO ACCEPT BY:	Chester Palesoo	SECOND BY:	Leo McArdle		
	DISCUSSION/ CORRECTION	None				
	PASSED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO			
CORRESPONDENCE	FROM	None				
	DISCUSSION/ ACTIONS					
REPORTS	REPORT BY:	<p>Commander George Smith For those members that didn't receive their membership year patches/pins, or the RED Friday pins, please see our 1st Vice Tom Day.</p> <p>The computer lab & video conferencing equipment is installed and working, and internet access is updated. Many thanks to Ed Breault, Leo McArdle, Bob Tredinnick and Andrew Trapani and Stan Maupin.</p> <p>Taxes were paid on time. Last year with our old accountant we paid \$7,500 in taxes. This year we changed to an accountant who works with non-profits exclusively and he saved us over \$5,000 in taxes. We paid \$1,790.</p>				

		<p>Bingo should be able to start in March or April. The games will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p> <p>The by-laws committee has finished its work. The by-laws have to be read twice to the membership in order to get input from the membership, update if necessary, read again and voted on for acceptance.</p> <p>Reading and discussing the by-laws will take time, perhaps one to two hours, therefore, we would like to have Zoom meetings for these readings. Members agreed that Zoom meetings would be ok. There wasn't a formal motion about using Zoom for the readings.</p> <p>Commander's Coffee January 25, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The guest speaker is Alexis Baker, a service dog training instructor from the Warrior Canine Connection program at the Menlo Park VA hospital.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>Adjutant John Robinson</p> <p>There are three confirmed rentals January through February. There are five prospective rentals January through March.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>1st Vice Tom Day</p> <p>Two new members bring our membership up to 174. Twenty-four members are PUFL's.</p> <p>Roll of dice for a one-year free membership went to William Kirchner who was not present to win.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>2nd Vice Leo McArdle</p> <p>January 21, 9 a.m to 11 a.m. SOS Breakfast in the main hall. \$10 for adults and \$5 for youth.</p> <p>Wi-fi system works in both buildings.</p> <p>Security cameras are installed inside. When the weather dries, two cameras will be installed outside.</p> <p>Leo welcomes ideas for menus for the membership meeting meals.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>3rd Vice William Jackson, Jr.</p> <p>Boys State: We need to report how many students we will sponsor this year. The full cost is \$400 per student. A motion to pay the full cost for two was made by William Jackson, Jr. and seconded by Chester Palesoo. The motion passed. It was also clarified that we could revisit the number sponsored if a third student was interested in participating.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>Building Committee, Al Rosenmiller</p> <p>Basically, no change in status. We hope things are resolved by September.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>Finance Officer Vern Mull</p> <p>In January we paid \$4,137.35 in expenses and used \$2,100 of the building fund toward the bills.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>Chaplain Cobbey Sova</p> <p>David Collins is in need of your thoughts and prayers at this time.</p>
	DISCUSSION:	
	REPORT BY:	<p>VSO Chester Palesoo</p> <p>Protect your personal information. Be sure you signed HIPPA forms protecting your medical information.</p>

			Chester said we are the best “doctor” for our health and to watch out for our own health by checking things like added sugar in our food. Processed food usually has added sugars!
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>Web and PR, Michael Toschalk Michael thanked all who sent their best wishes to him after his injury. The Post 105 website had 3000 visitors last month. In 2019 Michael made a video showing photos of State Commanders, however, it was an incomplete catalog of Commanders. State Historian Fred Schacklett researched and found photos and Michael made a new video that shows every Department of California commander since the American Legion beginning in 1919. The video can be seen on the Post 105 website at https://americanlegionpost105rwc.org/105-blog/f/new-video-of-state-commanders</p> <p>Michael thanked the by-laws committee William Jackson, Jr., and Leo McArdle for their work. He also thanked Patricia Reed for all she did for the committee. Michael asked that all members participate in reading and approving the by-laws because those are the governing rules for the post.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>ALA President Carol Rael Carol said the Auxiliary participates as much as they can in everything the post family does and the post family likewise participates in Auxiliary activities. In November we were happy be present when Wendy Weller and Andrew Trapani received recognition as 2022 Patriots of the Year, and George Smith as 2022 Veteran of the Year. December activities were giving gifts to residents at Menlo Park VA hospital, choosing and wrapping gifts for the Toys for Vets program at the hospital, and having an information table at a Veterans Christmas Lunch hosted by John Helin.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>SAL Commander Andrew Trapani Andrew thanked all in the post family who supported the Sons this past year. In 2022 the Sons donated 389 volunteer hours, logged 4,767 group miles, completed 80 missions and raised \$500 which was donated to various causes. They participated in Wreaths Across America, also.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>ALR Director Andrew Trapani The Riders did very well in 2022. They contributed 10,627 miles, donated 2,683 volunteer hours, accomplished 136 missions and participated in 75 final honors. They donated \$9,036.56 to causes supporting veterans.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
		REPORT BY:	<p>ALA District 26 President Peggy Toye All units in the district are in good standing. The Girls State program remains the same. The special project this year is focused on PTSD. Peggy handles the district online calendar so if there are events for the calendar let her know.</p>
		DISCUSSION:	
	OLD BUSINESS		None
	NEW BUSINESS	Imitation of new members	Due to COVID we haven’t had swearing in of new members for awhile. We would like to meet on a Saturday and get this done.

	OTHER ISSUES FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER		
	ADJOURNMENT		