

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Held on February 12, 2019

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1833.

Chaplain held prayer to open the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all Officers present and or accounted for with the exception of Adjutant (position excused for travel) and Finance (excused).

Finance Officer. Finance Officer was an excused absence. Tony Hammerling reported for Finance Officer, noting assets reported as of January 31, 2019 as \$136,138.62. Total expenses in January 2019 were \$13,757.18. Total income reported for January 2019 was \$18,353.68. Net worth for January was reported as \$86,138.62 reflecting \$50,000 in reserve from total assets (see above).

1st Vice Commander: 1st Vice Commander read the minutes of the last General Membership meeting held on January 8, 2019. The minutes were approved as is. 1st Vice then discussed membership, noting 72% membership renewal rate representing 743 active members, with 11 new and 3 transfers during the previous 30 days. Motion was made by Tony Hammerling to accept new members, and the motion was seconded by Sue Terry with no further discussion. MOTION APPROVED by voice vote.

Chaplain: The Chaplain shared news that Mary Cruz was at Lakeside Rehabilitation Center, that Edie Herrington was at Sacred Heart, that Ron Bean was at Rosewood Manor, and that James "Hushpuppy" Cone passed on February 10, and that Earl Carroll had passed as well. No further information was available to be provided on any funerals.

2nd Vice Commander: Announcement made that the Superbowl Party in the Lounge was a success. Volunteer who cooked for the party were thanked. It was noted that the Fish Fry/Car Show sign out front of the Post looked great for the upcoming March 3rd event.

3rd Vice Commander: No significant news other than to remind members that the next Fish Fry will be held on March 3, 2019, and that a March 5th "Cinco de Mayo" event would serve fish tacos only.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Position Vacant. Nothing to report.

Historian: No report. Request for pictures announced again.

Boys State: John Edens has nine application packages and is working on setting up interviews.

Bingo: Brief report that Wednesday night Bingo in the Event Hall continues to be well received and that there has been a welcome uptick in volunteer help for Bingo nights that is most welcome.

Judge Advocate: Nothing to report.

Service Officer: 36 veterans served representing 36 hours of service and 230 miles of travel during the services provided for the month. Note that Service Officer hours are revised to 1000 to 1500 on Mondays through Thursdays only.

Scholarships: Nothing to report.

Children and Youth: That the Post donation of \$400.00 will be divided between two youth teams in the Perdido Key area.

Blood Chairman: Nothing to report.

Sons Of The American Legion: Membership is at 42% for 2019. Finances reflect about \$2,000.00 in the bank. On the first Sunday in December approximately \$200.00 was raised.

Legion Riders: The Third Annual Summit will be in Cocoa Beach, and that the riders will send 3 people taking 26 different classes at the Summit. Membership is at approximately 50% for 2019.

Lounge Report: The Lounge Manager, Sue Terry, informed the meeting that the Lounge had taken in \$6,000 in Pull Tabs revenue for the month of January 2019, and that the Lounge had taken in approximately \$2,000 in revenue from food and beverage sales for the month. Other news of note was a private party coming to the Lounge on Saturday, February 23rd and a USO Show sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary on the 30th.

House Committee: The House Committee informed the membership that the new dishwasher for the lounge had been installed and a new contract for the kitchen's hood cleaning had been completed. In addition, the fire inspection went well with no negative findings and the burn pile out back of the Post was finished.

Unfinished Business: Dave Buck was appointed as Acting Sergeant-At-Arms until such time as the position can be advertised for a month and an election officially held.

New Business:

- Barry made a motion to make a donation to Post 275 of Panama City Beach, Florida. The motion was put on hold until such time as the Post Commander could have a discussion with John Edens, the District 1 Commander. Pending such a discussion, the donation in question is suggested as being a \$250.00 quarterly gift.
- The HER Foundation has an upcoming golf tournament and a motion was made and carried to make a \$250 donation to sponsor a hole for the tourney.
- John Edens, Finance Officer for Post 240 requested (in absentia) an endorsement from the Post for his election as Area Commander. A motion was made to approve and it was seconded by Steve Stillwell and subsequently approved.
- The 50/50 drawing was won by Dave Lawhun and was immediately donated back to the Post.
- **Good of the Legion:**
- Alex Barber made a motion that the Post grant honorary membership status to allow surviving WWII members to have their future membership dues paid for by the Post. The motion was seconded and was approved.
- Lastly, it was noted that the Post's Boy Scouts Troop 154 that run the car washes here at the Post are sending one member to the Boy Scouts World Jamboree this year to be held in late July in West Virginia.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 2030 on February 12, 2019.

Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant

Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander