



American Legion Post 240
8666 Gulf Beach Highway
Pensacola, FL 32507

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

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1831.

Commander delivered the opening prayer (Chaplain was on excused absence) to open the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers and Committee Chairs present and/or with any absence accounted for (absences included: Chaplain, Historian, and Boys State Chair).

Finance Officer. Finance Officer reported the financial position of the Post, noting assets reported as of February 28, 2019 as \$124,532.21. Total expenses in February 2019 were \$11,897.43, and a revision upward for the prior month's expenses were reported as \$14,621.29 versus the \$13,757.18 previously. Total income reported for February 2019 was \$8,905.80. Net worth for January was reported as \$74,532.21 reflecting \$50,000 in reserve from total assets (see above).

1st Vice Commander: 1st Vice Commander noted the minutes of the last General Membership meeting held on February 12, 2019 and Executive Committee meeting held on February 26, 2019 were available to attendees (at their seats). A call for comments and corrections was made by the Commander, and one correction was noted that Cinco de Mayo was on May 5th versus the minutes stating March 5th. And with no further edits being made, all minutes were approved as is. 1st Vice then discussed membership, noting 79.14% membership renewal rate representing 816 active members (and 215 inactive/nonrenewed members). The names were then read of 5 new and 3 transfer memberships received during the previous 30 days. Motion was made by Sue Terry to accept new members, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Barber and Mr. Sullivan with no further discussion. MOTION APPROVED by voice vote.

Chaplain: Chaplain on excused absence. No report.

2nd Vice Commander: It was noted that the Fish Fry went great on March 3rd. Other notes of interest included comments regarding attendance at events for the year seem to be on the rise and look good for the Post.

3rd Vice Commander: Comments included that the Fish Fry on March 3rd went well, though the Car Show was canceled due to the threat of inclement weather. The Finance Officer noted a complaint was received regarding the Fish Fry closing early at 1230 versus the scheduled time of 1500. The reason given was that the supplemental food (sides) for the Fish Fry were exhausted and thus only fish could be served, not the promised full meal; no further discussion received. Financial results for the Fish Fry were:

- Monies turned in - \$528.00
- Tickets sold – 76 regular, 11 extra fish
- Costs – Fish \$347.60; Supplies \$111.30; Hush Puppies \$30.25; Sides \$75.00;
- Final Count – Expenses total \$564.15; Bank \$200.00; Net Profit/Loss (\$36.15).

Lastly, it was noted that a May 5th “Cinco de Mayo” event would serve fish tacos only.

Sergeant-At-Arms: New SAA Dave Buck noted that there were 22 people in attendance. Nothing further to report.

Historian: Historian was an excused absence. Nothing to report.

Boys State: Nothing reported.

Bingo: Brief report that Wednesday night Bingo in the Event Hall continues to be well received. It was noted that Bingo still need the support of volunteers, and that Bingo currently receives approximately 85 to 120 attendees.

Judge Advocate: Nothing to report.

Service Officer: 18 veterans served representing 24 hours provided for the month. Note that Service Officer hours are revised to 1000 to 1500 on Mondays through Thursdays only.

Scholarships: Receipt of scholarships continues in an ongoing manner. It was noted that scholarship applications can be picked-up at the end of the bar in the Eagles Lair Lounge.

Children and Youth: Nothing to report.

Blood Chairman: Nothing to report.

Sons of The American Legion: Membership is at 71% for 2019 (representing 50 active of 70 total). SAL members will be doing a telephone calling effort to increase membership in near future. Finances reflect about \$2,800.00 in the bank, with overall finances doing well.

Legion Riders: There is a ride upcoming for March 23rd for charity to help restore Post 75. An April 14th Unity Ride is also being planned for a children and youth charity opportunity. Membership remains at approximately 50% for 2019.

Lounge Report: The Lounge Manager, Sue Terry, informed the meeting that the Lounge had taken in approximately \$6,000 in Pull Tabs revenue for the month of February 2019, and that the Lounge had taken in approximately \$3,000 in revenue from food and beverage sales for the month. Other news of note was that on Saturday the 16th of March the Lounge will be closed for floor cleaning, and that March 17th will see a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Cookoff starting at 1300 with judging scheduled for 1330. A USO Show sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary is still scheduled to be held on the 30th.

House Committee: The House Committee informed the membership that the new ice machine for the Event Hall had been installed and Floor Drains had been cleaned. It was noted that the CO² line had been damaged and the company responsible for the line had taken too long to respond by calling the line. Work continues to resolve future maintenance. Shirt sales for the Fish Fry event on March 3rd went very well with \$265.00 worth of product sold. In addition, the display cases for the shirts, hats, memorabilia and accessories have been reorganized. Sales of these items is expected to pick-up as a result. Volunteers from the NAS Pensacola are expected back on the 16th to finish their Post clean-up - and many thanks for their service. Lastly, it was noted that Miss Betty would be selling shirts on Friday nights during Karaoke. Many thanks to Miss Betty for all her efforts on sales and organizing these shirt sales efforts and keeping the display cases up-to-date.

Unfinished Business: None to report.

New Business: Discussion was raised about the need to recognize former members who have passed away beyond just attending funeral services. The discussion pointed out the use of the grease board at front door and video announcements board (both in the Lounge area) making attributes about such members. A suggestion from the Adjutant was to create an "In Memoria" page on the website, which was of concern as families might not want such announcements. However, it was determined that an "In Memoria" page on the website would be created and see how it is received.

New business was announced to begin the nomination process for 2019 elections to be held in May. The Judge Advocate announced nominations and the results are below:

- For Commander: Dave Forsman was nominated by Dan Quinn and accepted. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the March meeting closed.
- For 1st Vice Commander: Hal Eyerly declined a second term nomination. Donna Hudson (current Service Officer) nominated by Sue Terry and accepted. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the March meeting closed.
- For 2nd Vice Commander: Tom Williams (current 2nd Vice) was nominated by Dan Quinn and accepted. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the March meeting closed.
- For House Committee: Rob Mangan was nominated by Ray Hamel and accepted. Current House Committee member Dan Quinn declined nomination. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the March meeting closed.
- For Sergeant-At-Arms: Dave buck was nominated by Dave Forsman and accepted. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the March meeting closed.
- For Finance Officer: Tony Hammerling was nominated by John Edens and declined. John Edens, current Finance Officer reserved his decision and so was not nominated at the meeting. Joseph Bodmer, current Adjutant was asked if he would accept a nomination and declined. No other nominations proffered and nominations for the position for the March meeting closed.

It was noted that the minutes and a statement about the elections would be added to the Newsletter and website.

Good of the Legion:

- 1st Vice Commander Hal Eyerly opened discussion about the disregard and disorganization of current storage rooms and spaces throughout the Post and that there is an ongoing need to form a committee of members to tackle the issue and restore the spaces to a semblance of organization and cleanliness. No action was taken on the discussion.
- The Finance Officer noted that there would be a “Revitalization Event” on March 26th entailing all Post Officers and interested members to perform a cold calling of non-renewed members to encourage their renewal of memberships in Post 240. Representatives of the Department would also be on-hand that day from approximately 1445 to 1615 to observe the Revitalization Event and otherwise tour our facilities.

- Lastly, it was noted that the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion is being celebrated this month at 1500 on the 15th before the Queen of Hearts drawing and that the Post would be having a cake for all members that day.

Scott Wenzel volunteered to deliver the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1915.

Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander

Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant