

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Held on August 13, 2019

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1832.

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers (except 3rd Vice which is vacant), Committee Chairs, and all House Committee members present.

Prior month's minutes were accepted by voice vote with no changes.

Finance Officer. Finance Officer reported the financial position of the Post, noting total assets reported as of July 31, 2019 as \$174,598, (representing \$61,486 in General Funds and \$113,112 in Money Market Funds). Total income reported for July 2019 was \$18,200. Total expenses were \$13,189. Net worth for July 2019 was reported as \$124,598, reflecting \$50,000 in reserve from total assets (see above).

1st Vice Commander: 1st Vice Commander noted the names of 21 new and 6 transfer memberships received during the previous 30 days. The names of the inductees were read, and a motion was made to accept new members, and the motion was seconded with no further discussion. MOTION APPROVED by voice vote.

Chaplain: John Wyers' Memorial Service and Celebration of Life was well-attended and received. Nothing else to report.

2nd Vice Commander: Reported that all things are going well with the Post. Karaoke has begun on Saturdays and seems to be going well. Looking at the possibility of doing bands in Lounge in support of Fish Fry's on 1st Sundays of the month.

3rd Vice Commander: Great turnout for the Fish Fry and the Car Show in July. Fish Fry made \$126.00 profit. Kudos again to Raybo and Mario in the cook shack, and to all the other who helped out. A question was raised about the Fish Fry in September falling on Labor Day, but any effort to move the date cannot be made as it is too late to notify membership. Date will remain the same.

Boys State: Nothing to report, except that we will revisit at the November meeting.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report.

Historian: Congratulations were raised to honor Robert Reinhart on his recent nuptials.

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 70-80 attendees, but that this reduced number is normal for the summer months. There have been equipment issues, and a new monitor for the Bing machine is being purchased. \$10,000 was turned over to the Post from Bingo proceeds.

Judge Advocate: Nothing to report. The issue of a letter to Jim Piron was raised and it noted that a letter is being prepared.

Scholarships: This year's scholarship deadline for applications is November 30th. One reuest had been received to-date.

Children and Youth: Asking for \$500.00 to youth soccer teams (\$200 per team for 2 teams and \$100.00 for the league to help teams that are unsponsored for uniform purchases.)

MOTION WAS SECOND AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Lounge Report: The Lounge Manager, Sue Terry, informed the meeting that the Lounge had \$3,000 from Lounge receipts and another \$7,000 in Pull Tabs sales. Due to Karaoke on Saturdays, receipts on that day have doubled. The Lounge will continue Saturday Karaoke for another month.

House Committee: The gutters were cleaned this past month at no expense to the Post. The kitchen vent hood was cleaned. There will be a new cleaning crew contract with a different firm. Hal Eyerly has stepped down as House Committee Chair. Steve Stillwell has accepted the Chairman's role in an acting capacity for now. Bill Evans is resigning as well to accept a role as 3rd Vice Commander in an acting capacity until he can be voted on.

Service Officer: Nothing to report.

New Business: Bill Evans was nominated to 3rd Vice Commander. NOMINATION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE. Two positions on the House Committee are now unfilled and we are looking for volunteers to serve. Tony Hammerling was nominated and accepted to serve on the House Committee. NOMINATION APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE. Finally, West Florida High School is seeking a \$500.00 donation to support their sports programs. No discussion was raised and a VOIE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND APPROVED BY VOICE VOTE. School will need to submit formal request and documentation to Finance Officer before monies are distributed.

For The Good Of The Legion: A question was raised by Steve Stillwell to the membership asking if there was any interest in starting a league for Fantasy Football. A positive response was received and Steve will pursue. There will be a navy Retired Chiefs “Steak Night” event on the 21st of August as part of the New Chiefs Initiation including a mix & mingle event.

Scott Wenzel made a presentation to the membership addressing the need of the Boy Scouts and the Legion’s historic support of the organization. Scott spoke about the Boy Scout’s camp and the fact that it was the first one to include girls in attendance, and that it went well. He noted that the camp needs financial assistance and made a request for \$250 per quarter/\$1,000 per year for 2019/2020. The assistance was approved for the next four quarters at \$1,000 donation.

Paul Sullivan discussed the passing of John Wyers and that Mr. Wyers’ family asked for donations in lieu of flowers. Paul asked that we donate \$200.00 in addition to the standard \$75 we give, with all monies to be given to the Waterfront Mission. MOTION WAS SECONDED AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Lastly, it was announced that Hal Eyerly is stepping down as House Committee Chair due to age and longevity of service. A rousing round of congratulations ensued.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1930.

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Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant