

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Held on November 26, 2019

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

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers and Committee Chairs present with the exception of the First Vice (medically excused) Chaplain (excused), Historian (excused), who were absent.

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

Finance Officer. In compiling the financial report, we find this month's Income was \$19,706 and Expenses were \$7,306. Overall, this month's Net Worth figure has a balance of \$113,180. This figure reflects our total General Fund Assets of \$49,983 plus Money Market funds of \$113,197, minus our Reserve Fund of \$50,000.

1st Vice Commander: (Absent. Report delivered by Adjutant). Total membership was approximately 66%, though current membership reported by Department is 58%, though it was noted that this figure did not reflect approximately 100 new, transferred, or renewed memberships entered in October 2019 to the myLegion.org database, but not yet recorded by National organization, (and then by extension, Department of Florida).

2nd Vice Commander: Tickets for the New Year's Eve party go on sale Friday. The decorations (tablecloths, accoutrements), banner and tickets are in and ready to go. We also have 3 volunteers for food service for the party, and food is taken care of. Cost is \$25 per couple, \$15 per ticket. Food donations are still encouraged and accepted. There was a question raised as to the availability of breakfast after the NYE party. This question could not be answered at this time. Duty drivers needed to transport those too inebriated: Tony Hammerling and Jerry Dupont volunteered to drive "in tandem", meaning they will be driving the guest's car with guest followed by second driver who will then together return to Post to collect another guest for transport.

3rd Vice Commander: Preparations for Thanksgiving are done. We are looking at upwards of 230 troops for the event. Commander interceded conversation noting that, "he had called Publix Grocery who told him they couldn't donate as there was someone who had already asked for donations. Turned out after further conversation, Post 240 was being 'back-doored'

by another person representing another Post, more to come on this. SAL volunteered to donate up to an additional \$300, if needed, for food.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report.

Chaplain: Absent, no report.

Historian: Absent. (Report delivered by House Committee Chair.) Everyone needs to be a historian from the standpoint of taking and delivering pictures. Question was raised as to whether the Post had purchased a camera in the past for purposes of recording pictures of events for the historian. Someone noted they thought Bob Stauton last had possession of the camera. Research on this needed. Pictures of the Marine Corps golf tourney post paid sponsorship of had been received and are available to the Historian.

House Committee: House Committee thanked Dan Quinn for his work sealing the wood bar railing. No major repairs this month. New CO² bottle in Lounge has been installed. Sue Terry, Bar Manager, has accepted a new job outside of the Post and will be leaving position at the end of next month. New Bar Manager job description needed. Need to look into options for an interim Bar Manager and how this would be accomplished. It is possible a new job description needs to be done. Lounge Inventory is scheduled for December 7, but this will be rescheduled for November 30, this coming Saturday.

Bingo: There will be no Bingo on Christmas or New Year's Day. We still need additional Bingo callers to supplement existing Bingo callers – Ray Hamel, Steve Stillwell, Tony Hammerling, and Joe Bodmer were encouraged to volunteer. A financial contribution for this month to Post from Bingo is coming.

Lounge: Duty Officer responsibility for daytime is 0900 to 1700, with nighttime hours being 1600 to close. Joe Bodmer volunteered for December 28th Duty Officer. Fridays are getting much busier with Queen of Hearts climbing towards the \$10,000 mark. Children's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 22nd, time is TBD. Key Cards are ordered, and everyone will need a new card starting January 1, 2020. All memberships for 2019 will remain valid until January 30, after which they will be invalid for use at the Post. A Motorcycle Party is scheduled for January 5th. Finally, a recommendation was made to look into adding two new security cameras to cover the Bingo stage and another to cover the back bar. More to come on this.

Judge Advocate: Nothing to report.

Service Officer: The Service Officer reported 38 walk-ins, 51 volunteer hours worked and 550 miles driven in support of services to veterans.

Scholarships: Alan Getman's daughter had been awarded one of two scholarships. She will attend Pensacola State College. Steve Stillwell's son will also receive a scholarship and will attend University of West Florida. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000, and can be used toward books and tuition for school. Checks will be made out to the respective schools.

Children and Youth: Nothing more until Spring 2020 season. Pictures from this year's sports programs we supported are coming. Of special note is that of the two teams the Post sponsored, one came in 1st place, and the other came in 3rd place. Costs for support are expected to increase next year.

Boys State: Costs of Post support for the coming year are estimated as \$3,150 for rooms and board. There is an anticipated "Boys State Golf Tourney" coming after the new year to raise money for Boys State. District 1 Commander Lamar Carroll will have more information on this to come.

Sons of The American Legion: Membership is at 102% of last year's totals.

Legion Riders: Next Meat Bingo is on December 7th. Taco Tuesday's continue to go well. There will be a special election for the Directorship of the riders on the first Tuesday in December, which is also the new monthly date of Riders meetings.

Auxiliary: Christmas decorations are now up. Ten volunteers helped with the decorations. Bingo bakery goods continue to do well as a fundraiser. The Harley Davidson Cooler and liquor fundraiser is now selling tickets for \$5.00 apiece in the Lounge. Drawing is scheduled for Employee Appreciation event on December 15. In other news, Girls State continues to raise money with a need to raise \$440 per child sent to Girls State. A motion was made by Ray Hamel to donate \$300 to Girls State with Tony Hammerling seconding. Motion was unanimously approved. SAL announced a \$300 donation and Riders announced a \$200 donation as well to Girls State. It was noted that supporting Girls State, just as we do with Boys State, also supports our mission to serve Children and Youths.

Unfinished Business: Wreaths Across America wreaths have been ordered. A motion was made to donate \$500 towards Wreaths Across America by Tony Hammerling, with a second by Sundy Mead. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Conversation from SAL (Robert Farley) ensued regarding donors to the Post and the Post's need to give back. Question was raised to potentially sponsor a party to celebrate our various donors with food and an open bar for the party. Attendance was unknown, but would probably be between 50 and 100 donors. In addition, discussion ensued with regard to sponsoring free or reduced cost breakfast for 1st Responders and Law Enforcement on Sunday mornings. A Motion was made by Steve Stillwell to allow 100% donation coverage of 1st Responder and Law Enforcement, in duty uniform, to receive free breakfasts on Sunday mornings. Sundry Mead seconded the motion and is passed with a majority vote. Ray will inform the Executive Committee of the ongoing costs. Robert Farley to reach out to Adjutant to craft a letter to 1st Responders and Law Enforcement in our area, as well as a letter to our donors to invite them to a Donors Appreciation Party should such an event be approved. In other news, we are now in the process of drafting the Post new Constitution and By Laws in accordance with Department requirements. We will also be forming a 5-person committee to handle this rewrite of the Constitution and By Laws: more to come on this. Lastly, Shannon, who used to work in our kitchen was killed this past week in a motorcycle accident. Donations are being accepted, so anyone willing to help the family should stay tuned to forthcoming obituaries.

For The Good Of The Legion: Commander would like to have groups sponsor their own Crock Pot Mondays in coordination of their operation of Lounge Bingo. He recommended that groups set prices for their Crock Pot Mondays done in unison with Lounge Bingo, such that groups don't "lose money" by accepting just arbitrary donations per serving. A motion was made to move Planning Meeting which follows this Executive Committee meeting to December's Executive Committee meeting. The Motion carried by voice vote unanimously. A Motion was also made by Tony Hammerling to reschedule the Planning Meeting for November and the December Executive Committee meeting from December 24th to the 17th. Motion was seconded by Commander. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1945.

/s/

Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant