

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Held on December 17, 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 Finance Officer (absent), First Vice (absent) Chaplain (excused), Historian (vacant), and House Committee Member (Bo Waggoner).

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

Finance Officer. In compiling the financial report ending 11/30/19, we find the month's Income was \$14,637 and Expenses were \$18,872. Overall, this month's Net Worth figure has a balance of \$113,180. This figure reflects our total General Fund Assets of \$41,340 plus Money Market funds of \$113,385, minus our Reserve Fund of \$50,000.

1st Vice Commander: (Absent. Report delivered by Adjutant). Total membership was approximately 77.30%. This reflects since General Membership meeting the following: 1 renewal, 7 new members. Total members to-date is 715. Quota is 925. We are ahead of our scheduled quota to-date which is 75%.

Chaplain: Steve Kiser passed this week of a heart attack. Arrangements are underway. More to come.

Historian: Absent. (Report delivered by House Committee Chair.) Looking for pictures of the Christmas parties and upcoming New Year's Eve party. Please include caption and names in pictures.

2nd Vice Commander: All is a go for the New Year's Eve party. 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 and will be here two days in advance. Tony, Glen and Jerry volunteered to be Designated Drivers and will 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: Nothing to report

Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Out of town next week. Nothing else to report.

House Committee: Kitchen is fixed with new spring hinge on Reefer door. Seal around beer cooler needs replacement as well. Popcorn machine in the Lounge has been replaced. The old one died but gave us a solid 10 years of service. Cost was \$229 versus estimated \$700 from the normal dealer channels. New ATM machine is coming Monday based on presentation made by Steve Stillwell to Executive Committee. Transaction cost reimbursement will increase from the current 25 cents to 50 cents coming back to the Post. Need to have job description for the Lounge Manager position posted in the Lounge and on our website. Adjutant will handle that.

Lounge: There is a Phil-Am party Saturday that starts around 6pm. There is a wedding reception on the 28th, and the Adjutant has agreed to handle as Duty Officer. Inventory is on the 4th of January. There is a party on January 4th also and a Duty Officer is needed. Steve Stillwell volunteered to serve. There is a big motorcycle meeting schedule for the 5th of January. Lounge is prepared.

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. Especially need an “early caller” to replace Sue Terry as she's leaving. Need to put something in the newsletter concerning Bingo – Adjutant noted that it is there and has been since the beginning of the year.

Judge Advocate: There was an incident at Thanksgiving concerning Terry Trim. The issue will be brought up to the Executive Committee to determine next steps (disciplinary hearing, trial, dismissal, etc.). Special Executive Committee meeting will be held immediately after the General Membership meeting in January to hear the complaints and determine next steps.

Service Officer: The Service Officer reported 7 walk-ins, 15 volunteer hours worked, 10 phone calls returned, and 60 miles driven in support of services to veterans. Service Officer will be out-of-office from today until January 16th on vacation.

Children and Youth: Nothing more until Spring 2020 season. A suggestion was made to place donation jars on the Lounge bar for Children and Youth. It was noted that there are already donation jars for Boy State and Girls State and another donation jar would be overkill at this time. Decision on new donation jars was pended to a future time.

Boys State: We will reinitiate contacts with counselors, etc., after January 6th.

Sons of The American Legion: There was a donation to the COP Association for the NASP shooting victims fund. It was also noted that the SAL paid for taxis for the servicemembers to return to NASP on Thanksgiving Day.

Legion Riders: Next Meat Bingo is on January 4th. Taco Tuesday's continue to go well. No Taco Tuesdays for Christmas and New Years weeks. However, the Riders will have hamburgers and hotdogs for sale in the Lounge for the Thursdays and Fridays that the Post Kitchen is closed those weeks.

Auxiliary: Spent \$200 on food donation to the NASP victims. \$500 donation was expended on 17 children and their families for Christmas as part of the Angel Tree event. In addition, another \$435 was donated to the COP Association fund for victims' families of the shooting at NASP. Ronald McDonald House received Auxiliary services in the form of cooked dinners for families housed there. There is a "Dance-A-Thon" planned in February and we will be working on planning for Mardi Gras. A Note: all donations to the Kids Christmas Party must go through the Auxiliary only, not the kitchen or other venues.

Unfinished Business: A discussion was raised as to how Christmas Bonuses were handled to paid employees. Total bonuses pool was over \$500 which required either an Executive Committee vote or General Membership vote, though none was raised or taken. Commander apologized for oversight, and promised this would not happen in the future.

New Business: The Lounge Manager position is being posted and will be up for 30 days for applicants (closes on the 15th of January. Lucien made an announcement of his and Sue Terry's pending nuptials on February 29th.

For the Good of the Legion: The Queen of Hearts is looking for some Officer assistance to handle what will be increasingly larger crowds in attendance on Friday nights at 6pm drawing. Please see Sue Terry for more on this.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1945 with the note that a Planning Meeting would follow shortly hereafter.

/s/

Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant