

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

Post 240 Commander Dave Forsman called the meeting to order at 1834.

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers and Committee Chairs present with the exception of the First Vice (medically excused), 2nd Vice (excused), Historian (excused), and Service Officer (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). 9 new members and 14 transfers were red into the record for membership into Post 240. Sue Terry made a motion to accept the members, and Alex Barber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chaplain: Mary Dukes is now at home resting and recuperating from a fall and hospitalization for broken ribs. Post member Ron Kagarise has a memorial service scheduled for the 15th at the Oaklawn Funeral Home. A question was raised about a Charles Stremple, namely if anyone knew his condition (word was he had passed away.) The response was it was unconfirmed.

2nd Vice Commander: Absent (excused). No report.

3rd Vice Commander: The last Fish Fry of the year went well. The Italian Cookoff in November also went well, with Sue Terry winning the entrée category, and Earlynn Stillwell winning for the Appetizer category. Veterans Day was also a well-received event.

Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report.

Historian: Absent. Report delivered by House Committee Chair, who requested pictures of any events with names and a caption associated with any pictures.

Boys State: All High Schools have been visited and School Counselors are on the search for applicants, receipt of competitive packages. Each young man will cost \$450 each to attend. Post paid for seven students last year. Motion made by Steve Stillwell to pay for six students this year. Glen Zeigler seconded the motion. Motion was then amended to pay for seven students after input from John Edens. Motion passed unanimously.

Bingo: There is a need for more floor walkers to collect winning numbers and assist with Bingo activities. There is also a need for more volunteers to learn and call Bingo games. Other than that, Bingo continues to do well and is picking up with snowbirds now arriving in town.

Judge Advocate: An audit has begun on the Riders books, and when this is completed, an audit of the SAL will commence.

Scholarships: We have two applications received and under review. The 15th of the month is the deadline for applications.

Children and Youth: Soccer season is coming to an end, with playoffs commencing. Pictures to come from the two teams and league we sponsored.

Legion Riders: A Temporary Director (Neal Gahimer) and Assistant Director (David Viechec) have been appointed.

Sons of The American Legion: Nothing to report.

Lounge: Holiday parties are starting and will be busy for November and more so in December. All of the events in December are covered by Duty Officers. The Lounge turned over \$7,400 in Pull Tab receipts and another \$2,000 in Lounge food and beverage receipts. Employee Appreciation Day is December 15. The 14th of December is the Army-Navy Game, which the Lounge will celebrate and offer drink specials, and hopefully some food donations will make it a fun day for all.

House Committee: The AC Unit was worked on and is fixed with two new thermostats being installed. In addition, Leonard has fixed a number of minor issues that could have become bigger if not for his handiwork. Otherwise, from a repair standpoint we have no major issues at this time. There was a CO² leak fixed by the Lounge's vendor. The Health inspector was here this month and the only issue was a missing temperature gauge missing at the back bar,

which was found and replaced, resulting in a great final inspection – noting the kitchen was great. Insurance coverage is rising to \$1,000,000 from \$650,000 to cover increased costs of replacing interior furnishings and increased costs of building repair/replacement. Steve Stillwell made a motion to accept increase, with Bo Waggoner seconding the motion. Discussion ensued with cost increase of premiums noted as an increase of approximately \$2,100. Motion carried by voice vote.

Service Officer: Absent, excused. No report.

Auxiliary: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

For The Good Of The Legion: Sign-up sheets for the Thanksgiving for the Troops food and volunteer donations are in the event hall for those interested. Jennifer and Amy will once again be operating the kitchen services. It was announced that we are looking for places to donate any excess food from the event. In addition, additional food boxes could be donated to allow troops to take home excess food from event should they want to do so. In other news, Girls State golf tourney was a success, and Post 240, a Gold Sponsor of the event, came in second place and received 4 golf greens fees as a prize which will be donated back to the Post to be raffled off in a future fundraiser. Finally, Mardi Gras events are now being planned by Lounge and the Auxiliary. More on this to come.

New Business: Lamar Carroll, District 1 Commander, addressed the General Membership meeting. He raised the issue of the need to focus on new and renewal memberships by the Post. He then discussed the need by all Posts to have a budget created and approved for the next calendar year, and that this is now a National requirement the Department will be reinforcing. He then notified the Post that Posts with Kitchens will be required to have kitchen staffs be “Safe Serve” qualified per State regulations. Next up was his discussion of the Legion College, and Lamar was informed that preliminary discussion had been broached with John Edens, Area Commander about sending up to two applicants. Lamar then discussed Boys State and the need to ensue full support by Posts. In turn, discussion from Post members encouraged Lamar to ensure all Posts are notified what other Posts are doing to support Boys State as it feels like Post 240 is being asked year after year to do more than its share financially. Lastly, Lamar discussed By-Laws and Constitution updates required of all Posts in Florida, and the fact that changes will need to be presented to and voted upon by the respective Posts General Memberships. The next District meeting is in Niceville on the

following Saturday and all are welcome to attend. Following that, the next meeting will be on February 22nd, and the final one for the 2019/2020 Legion Year will be in the April/May 2020 timeframe with a location to be announced.

The 50/50 drawing was then announced by the Sergeant-At-Arms, with Bo Waggoner winning and donating the proceeds to the Post.

Meeting adjourned: The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1940.

/s/

Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander

/s/

Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant