

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Held on December 10, 2019

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

Roll call was taken with all Post Officers and Committee Chairs present with the exception of the First Vice (medically excused), 3rd Vice (excused), Historian (vacant), 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 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: Total membership was approximately 73. 2 new members were read into the record for membership into Post 240. Geno Graham made a motion to accept the members, and Alex Barber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chaplain: Bill Moyne is hospitalized in Biloxi, MS. He has requested no visitors.

2nd Vice Commander: All is going well. Thanksgiving was a great time for all. Thanks to all who helped out. New Year's Eve Party is coming, with signage going up this week. Tony and Jerry will be duty drivers (DD drivers). The band is Southern Breeze. There will be breakfast served after the party ends courtesy of Ray and Sally Jernigan. Tablecloths and decorations are in and will go up shortly before the party.

3rd Vice Commander: No report (absent).

Sergeant-At-Arms: Nothing to report. 23 signed in.

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

Boys State: Check has been received for Boys State payment. Seven boys are now in. There is no other communications on this as Christmas Break is underway until next month.

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. Bingo contribution this month was \$7,000.

Judge Advocate: No report.

Scholarships: Completed for the year. No report to make.

Children and Youth: Soccer team's plaques are in from teams we sponsored and will be mounted by Leonard soon. Congratulations were expressed to Tony Hammerling for his leadership of this effort.

Legion Riders: Meat Bingo and Lounge Bingo are both going well.

Sons of The American Legion: Nothing to report.

Lounge: Holiday parties are going well, and thanks are expressed for the Post Officers stepping up for their assigned Duty Officer responsibilities. All of the events in December are covered by Duty Officers. The Lounge turned over \$6,000 in Pull Tab receipts and lounge receipts will be announced at the next meeting as they have not been totaled yet. 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. Lastly, Sue Terry is departing and a job announcement will be posted for the position of Lounge Manager on the 16th of December. All Legion members are encouraged to consider the position, and if interested, to apply. The job opening closes on the 15th of January (30 days open).

House Committee: The kitchen will be closed from December 22 to January 3. Catering will be open on an as-needed basis. The kitchen will also be closed this Friday for a holiday party that is being catered. Thermostats for HVAC system now have locks on them and can only be changed by Lounge Manager or House Committee.

Service Officer: Absent, excused. No report.

Auxiliary: Nothing to report.

Wreaths: Wreaths laying will commence Saturday at 7:30 am meeting here at the Post with departure to Barrancas Cemetery at 8:00am. Coordination is completed and 116 total wreaths to be laid.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Chaplain encouraged members to invite other stay-at-home members and those invalid for dinner or to go to them and visit during the holidays. John Edens made a motion to donate \$500 to the Angel Tree. Motion was seconded by Sue Terry and Tere Beckman. Motion carried.

New Business: There was a shooting at the NAS Pensacola Naval Base. One victim will require extensive rehab. CPO association has made a donation to the family for living expenses and essentials during the holidays, and Sundry Mead suggested the Post give a \$225 donation to the family for essentials during this time. Sue Terry made a motion to give the \$225 and John Edens seconded. Motion carried. Sundry Mead will be POC for the donation. There is a Christmas Party for the Kids on the 22nd of December. The concept of having one person (sponsor) give a gift to one child versus a general donation from the Post was suggested. Sue Terry then made a motion to give a \$300 donation to the Auxiliary to manage to use for children's gifts for the party. Tony Hammerling seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hall Eyerly noted that Post 240's phone number, address aetc., was not in the latest telephone book published. He also noted that Post Officers are NOT TO BE PAID. Lastly, Tere Beckman asked about the memorial brick she has previously paid for. Commander noted it was in the Post safe for safe-keeping, but has not gone out yet pending additional requests.

For the Good of the Legion: \$250 donation motion made to create a reserve fund for NYE Party. Motion was made by John Edens and seconded by Sue Terry. Motion carried. Dave Viechec made a motion to have the Finance Officer create a report to track reserve funds and expenditures from them and any residual remaining for better accounting purposes. Sue seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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

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Dave Forsman
Post 240 Commander

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Joseph Bodmer
Post 240 Adjutant