

THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMPILED BY: D. George DATE: April 10, 2018
Post Adjutant

APPROVED BY: J. Lee POST: 184 DEPT. OF Oregon
Post Commander

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS 8 MEMBERS 8 TOTAL ADDENDANCE 16

TIME CONVENED: 19:00 Hrs. TIME ADJOURNED: 20:20 Hrs.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The American Legion meeting was called to order by the Commander at 19:00 hours.

- Salute to Colors
- Invocation
- POW/MIA
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Preamble

The roll call of officers:

• Commander	-	John Lee	Present
• Immediate Past Commander & SAL Commander	-	Rick Dominguez	Present
• First Vice Commander & Assist. Chaplin/Advocate	-	Brad Boles	Present
• Second Vice Commander	-	Marty Cross	Present
• Finance Officer & Advocate	-	Norman Simms	Present
• Adjutant	-	Dan George	Present
• Chaplin	-	Jim Weger	Excused
• Historian	-	Kneil Stucky	Present
• Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Mike McDaniels	Present
• Assist. Sergeant-at-Arms	-	Carl Frank	Present

BUSINESS

1. The minutes for the March meeting were distributed for review and, since there were no questions or comments, a motion was made by Carl Frank and seconded by Kneil Stucky to accept the minutes as distributed. A vote by the membership carried the motion.
2. The Finance Report was distributed and all members had a chance to review it. Finance Officer Norm Simms explained that:
 - Donations for the Easter Egg Hunt totaled \$215, but that he expects more may come in.
 - The 2018 Oratorical Scholarship money is now listed in the Restricted Funds section of the report.

Norm asked if there were any questions and there were none. Kneil Stucky made a motion to accept the report as reviewed and Mike McDaniel seconded. A vote by the membership carried the motion.

Amount Deposited into Checking Account	-	\$ 733.00
Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account	-	<u>\$ 1,036.96</u>
Difference	-	(\$303.96)
Balance in Checking Account	-	\$ 1,625.80
Balance in Building Fund Saving Account	-	\$ 4,684.26
Balance in Savings Account	-	<u>\$ 1,822.64</u> *
Total	-	\$ 8,132.70
Loan Balance on Building	-	\$91,182.48
* (Amount Restricted in Savings Account	-	\$ 1,788.43)

(Note: For complete explanation on Post Finances, see Financial Report)

RECENT POST ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- The Easter Egg Hunt was a success and the Commander thanked all who had a part in helping with the preparation and the event itself. Many contributed by donating money and as a result; we already have a fund for next year's event. Thanks to all.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- The **Department of Oregon DEC Meeting** is scheduled for April 14-15 in Ontario, OR. Commander John Lee will be attending.
- On May 2nd, there will be a **Medal of Honor Highway Dedication Ceremony** at the Memorial Union Bldg on the OSU campus in Corvallis. The event is still in the planning stages.
- **Memorial Day**, May 28th we will be helping with the ceremony at the Pioneer Cemetery. Immediately afterwards, we have been asked to also help with the ceremony in Crawfordsville. More information coming.
- The **Pioneer Picnic** is scheduled for June 16-17 this year. We plan to provide a Color Guard for the parade and will erect a booth at the event to show community presence. Rick Dominguez has volunteered to organize the staffing of the booth. We will need volunteers.
- On July 21 and 22, our Post will be providing breakfast for the **Antique Trailer Event** at the Pioneer Park. Here again, we will need volunteers to help. We will be using the kitchen at the park.
- The **Stand-By-Me** event organizers have asked to use our building again this year. We will need to make sure the building is ready for them and be there to open the doors.
- **Carriage-Me-Back** is scheduled for May 5-6th. This event will coincide with The American Legion's 100th anniversary celebration. Mike McDaniel suggested we borrow or rent a WWI uniform and be there to display it for the community. Sharon Banks volunteered to provide a mannequin with a stand and Norm Simms said he will look into what can be done to secure a uniform.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Commander John Lee

- **Law Enforcement Camp** will begin August 4th. The cost is \$50 to the student and \$250 to the sponsoring American Legion Post.
- **Boys State** will be held in mid-June. This program, which began in 1936 in response to the Nazi propaganda targeting youth in Germany at the time, teaches students how state and federal governments operate. What the student learns can stay with him his entire life.

2. Sergeant-At-Arms Mike McDaniel

- Mike reminded all that when the weather improves, we will be sanding and painting the front of our building.

3. Historian Kneil Stucky

- Kneil reminded all that the Senior Center will be holding their monthly pot-luck lunch tomorrow at 12N

4. Immediate Past Post Commander Rick Dominguez

- Reminded all to continue working to improve our membership
- Comrade Fred Wellhouser asked what the current Post dues are and was told \$40. John Lee added that he'd heard that National may be raising dues in 2020.

5. Finance Officer Norm Simms

- Norm reminded all that next year 2019 will be The American Legion's 100 Birthday. He told the group that the convention will be held in Astoria, OR. He added that next year is Astoria's Birthday as well.

6. ROPES Program Manager Sharon Banks

- Sharon explained to the group that ROPES is continuing with the adult education program and encourage all that if they know of someone who could benefit from this program to let her know.

SICK CALL

1. One of our members, Ray Baughman, passed away last Thursday. A few of our members have expressed condolences to his wife and family. There will be a memorial service held here at the Legion on Saturday, April 14 at 2:00pm. Assistant Chaplin Brad Boles will officiate.

Please keep the family in your prayers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Two of the four vent hood motors were replaced recently. We still need to replace the other two.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Our Post has recently received a letter from the Salem-Kaiser School District JROTC program asking for a donation to help pay expenses to send them to a drill competition. Because they are out of our area, the Executive Board advises we respectfully decline. The Board feels we should keep our donations in our own community as much as possible. However, the Commander felt that the membership should decide this and opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Carl Frank to decline this donation and it was seconded by Norm Simms. A vote by the membership carried the motion.

2. Commander John Lee opened the floor to nominations of Post Officers for 2019. The nominations are:
 - **Commander** – Rick Dominguez nominated **John Lee** and Mike McDaniels seconded.
 - **1st Vice Commander** – Norm Simms nominated **Brad Boles** and Sharon Banks seconded.
 - **2nd Vice Commander** – Marty Cross nominated **Carl Frank** and Dan George seconded.
 - **Finance Officer** – Brad Boles nominated **Norm Simms** and Mike McDaniels seconded.
 - **Adjutant** – Mike McDaniels nominated **Dan George** and Brad Boles seconded.
 - **Chaplin** – Rick Dominguez nominated **Jim Weger** and Kneil Stucky seconded.
 - **Assistant Chaplin** – Fred Wellhouser nominated **Brad Boles** and Kneil Stucky seconded.
 - **Sgt-in-Arms** – Brad Boles nominated **Mike McDaniels** and Carl Frank seconded.
 - **Assistant Sgt-in-Arms** – Mike McDaniels nominated **Carl Frank** and Fred Wellhouser seconded.
 - **Historian** – Fred Wellhouser nominated **Kneil Stucky** and Mike McDaniels seconded.
 - **Assistant Historian** – Carl Frank nominated **Rick Dominguez** and Norm Simms seconded.
 - **Advocates** – Rick Dominguez nominated **Norm Simms** and **Brad Boles** and Marty Cross seconded.

John Lee told all that anyone wanting to be considered for any of these positions or to nominate others for a position can do so before we vote next meeting.

3. Mike McDaniels told the group that if they have expired or old prescription drugs that were prescribed by the VA, they can obtain the correct envelopes and send them into the VA for disposal. Another member explained that they can also be disposed of here in Brownsville periodically or can be turned into the Police/Sheriff Departments for disposal.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Tonight's 50/50 winner was member Kneil Stucky. Kneil won \$40.
2. Commander John Lee thanked Kneil Stucky and his wife Cindy, Judy Whitfield, Marilee and Karen Moore for providing dinner for us tonight before the meeting.
3. With business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 20:20 hrs.