

THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMPILED BY: D. George DATE: December 12, 2017
Post Adjutant

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

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS 8 MEMBERS 9 TOTAL ADDENDANCE 17

TIME CONVENED: 19:00 Hrs. TIME ADJOURNED: 19:55 Hrs.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The 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	Excused
• 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 last month's meeting were distributed for review and, since there were no questions or comments, a motion was made by Kneil Stucky to accept the minutes as presented. Rick Dominguez second to the motion and a vote by the membership carried the motion.

2. The Finance Report was distributed and all members had a chance to review it. Norm Simms mentioned that the SAL dues are being shown in the savings account since there is no separate account for SAL. He noted again that our Post recently received a \$900 donation and that the Executive Board decided to put \$450 of it into our scholarship fund and the other \$450 into our building fund.

After Norm asked if there were any questions, Kneil Stucky made a motion to accept the report as reviewed and Rick Dominguez seconded. A vote by the membership carried the motion.

Amount Deposited into Checking Account	-	\$2,472.00
Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account	-	<u>\$3,287.29</u>
Difference	-	(\$815.29)
Balance in Checking Account	-	\$1,602.03
Balance in Building Fund Saving Account	-	\$4,592.74
Balance in Restricted Fund Saving Account	-	<u>\$1,748.43</u>
Total	-	\$7,943.20
Loan Balance on Building	-	\$92,860.15

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

1. Commander John Lee introduced "Woody Banks", Sharon Bank's husband. Woody served in the US Coast Guard from 1969 to 1973. He was welcomed to the Post and encouraged to join. Woody said he is considering it.

POST ACTIVITIES SENSE LAST MEETING

- The District 3 Meeting went well. Much of the discussion center around Membership.
- The Sharing Tree that was located at the Legion was a success. All but one of the tags where selected and the gifts were purchased and returned. Sharing Hands planned to pick-up the gifts on the 8th but John Lee asked if they would wait a few more days as there were still 7 tags left. He waited until the 12th which allowed for the addition name to get gifts. Everyone that donated also wrapped the gifts and they were thanked.
- Festival of Trees went well. All trees where trimmed and placed in stands. The American Legion Members helped to deliver some of the tree and the rest were delivered in the afternoon. Everyone that helped was thanked.
- The Christmas Bazar went well. Fourteen tables were reserved, and many did well with the sale. About \$60.00 was also collected from the sale of lunch.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- The Chamber of Commerce is having a Meet and Greet at the Brownville Saloon on Thursday at 12:00 noon. Finger food will be served, and drinks can be purchased. Anyone who would like to meet with the businesses in Brownville are welcomed.
- Food will be boxed-up on December 22nd and distributed to those in the community that are in need. Sharon Banks said she has the name of a family that has 3 small children and another on the way. This family's husband is in the Rope program. Sharon volunteered to come help set-up boxes. She also has some toys for the children to add to the boxes of food.
- The National Commander will be visiting the Post on January 10th at 2.00 PM. The membership was asked to attend if they can. We will provide coffee, cookies, and donuts. There will also be other goodies from the Senior's Potluck.
- The Department of Oregon's DEC will be in Lebanon January 12–14. It is open to anyone who would like to attend.
- Norm Simms talk about the Community Emergency Response Team class coming in January. It will be 4 days; January 20, 21, 27, and 28. He said it is open to anyone, not just those that want to be on the CERT team. He also stated that you must make all 4 days in to get certified.
- There will be a Commander's class at Albany Post 10 on January 27th. This class is sponsored by District 3 at the request of new officers that are looking for a place to learn the ins and outs of their position. It will be open to anyone, but will concentrate the training around the duties of the commander.
- The District 3 DEC is January 20th in Junction City at the Moose Lodge. Lunch is at 12:00 noon and the meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.
- The American Legion will be the lead for the Valentine's Dinner & Bingo night February 10th. John Lee asked if there was anyone who would take the lead to organize this event. There will be others that will help but someone needs to make sure tickets are being sold, donations for gifts collected, and putting together a menu. This has always been a good fund raiser with over 50 people attending the past two years.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Post Commander John Lee

- The Oratorical Contest this year will be held on December 16 at 1:00pm at Post 51 in Lebanon. Post 51's contestant has dropped out and they will not have anyone competing. However, the contest will still be conducted at Post 51. Our Post will have 2 contestants. John Lee has asked that as many members as possible to volunteer to help. All are encouraged to attend.

2. Past Post Commander/SAL Commander Rick Dominguez

- Rick talked about the National Commander's visit. He said there will be a lunch at Post 51. Also, there will be a Banquet later at post 51.

SICK CALL

Please keep these friends, members and family members in your prayers.

PROTOCOLS

1. Commander John Lee talked about The American Legion Protocols during meetings. He said that as we have some new members it would be good to discuss them.
 - When someone leaves or enters the room after the meeting has started, they should quietly stand and salute the American Flag. Then quietly leave. On returning they will then salute the flag again and quietly take their seat.
 - The area between the flags (the American Flag and the flag at the other end) is Hallowed Ground. This area represents all those that have fallen on foreign soils. To reach through and brake this plain is like walking on their graves.
 - When someone needs to approach the podium, or bring something past the flags they will always approach past the American Flag. They will stop and salute the Flag before they pass. They will also stop and salute the Flag when they leave.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The new commercial grade microwave has been delivered. It was purchase by the Senior Center with the help of a \$300.00 donation from the Brownsville Community Church. Kneil Stucky (Senior Center Liaison) was asked to thank the Senior Center for the Legion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Sharon Banks gave an update on the Ropes Program. She said it is moving forward well. There are now 6 individuals participating in the program; two recovering from Heroin, three recovering from Meth, and one from alcohol. They range in age for 19 to 72 years old. She has also set-up the program to receive grants through Sharing Hands. The Ropes program is setting-up a GED study program as well.
2. A motion was made by Mike McDaniel and was seconded by Carl Franks to give \$50.00 to Kneil and Cindy Stucky for planning and preparing meals during the Halloween and November American Legion Meeting. A vote by the membership carried the motion. Norm Simms wrote out the check and it was awarded to Kneil by John Lee.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Tonight's 50/50 winner Judy Clay who received \$30.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 19:55 hrs.