

THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMPILED BY: D. George DATE: January 9, 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: 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	Excused
• 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 December meeting were distributed for review and, since there were no questions or comments, a motion was made by Norm Simms to accept the minutes as presented. Carl Frank seconded and a vote by the membership carried the motion.

- The Finance Report was distributed and all members had a chance to review it. Finance Officer Norm Simms explained that in January of last year, the loan balance on our building was a little over \$98,000. By year's end, we were able to pay it down to \$92,442.30. That is over \$6,000 we have paid on the principal. Norm also explained that our building has been rekeyed and that all old keys can be disposed of. He mentioned that the finance report shows a donation of \$200 to help pay for the rekeying. This donation was graciously provided by the Auxiliary. Norm also pointed out that the finance report shows a sum of money dedicated for oratorical scholarships. He explained that the monies are being held in the Restricted Funds account until the two ladies who won them need them for college. Lastly, Norm told the group that next month, he will be adding a line item on the finance report to show dues paid by the SAL.

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

Amount Deposited into Checking Account	-	\$ 857.00
Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account	-	<u>\$ 960.63</u>
Difference	-	(\$103.63)
Balance in Checking Account	-	\$1,498.40
Balance in Building Fund Saving Account	-	\$4,735.86
Balance in Restricted Fund Saving Account	-	<u>\$1,822.50</u>
Total	-	\$8,056.76
Loan Balance on Building	-	\$92,442.30

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

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

- Commander John Lee introduced Woody Banks as a new member to our Post. Woody served in the US Coast Guard from 1969 to 1973. He was welcomed to the Post.

POST ACTIVITIES SENSE LAST MEETING

- We were honored to help six families in our community, three of which were veteran's, by providing food baskets to them during the Christmas season. Along with the baskets, Sharon Banks provided freshly baked bread. This type of activity is exactly what our Post is here to do, assist veterans and others in our community and we are happy to do it.
- The Sharing Tree that provided gifts to children and others in our community during Christmas was also a real success.

UP-COMING EVENTS

- The National Commander will be visiting our Post tomorrow (January 10th) at 2.00 PM. All are invited and encouraged to come and meet her. She is the first female National Commander the American Legion has ever had. We will provide coffee and cookies and there may also be other goodies from the senior's Potluck.
- On Thursday at Albany Post 10, a luncheon is scheduled at 12N with the National Commander. This is another opportunity to meet her and socialize with comrades. Let John Lee know if you are interested.
- The Department of Oregon's DEC will be in Lebanon Post 51 this weekend, January 12–14. There is always very good training available, reports from many of the committee chairpersons and booklets and other information for those who attend. It is open to all members and all are encourage to get involved.
- On Friday at Lebanon Post 51, a banquet is scheduled at 6pm for the attendees of the Department Executive Committee meeting and anyone who would like to go and meet the National Commander. The cost of dinner is \$18. Let John know if you plan to attend.
- The District 3 DEC is scheduled for January 20th in Junction City at the Moose Lodge. Lunch is at 12:00 noon and the meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. Our Post often has the most members in attendance and it would be great to have more get involved if they can.
- The Community Emergency Response Team training (CERT) is coming to Brownsville this month as well. The training will consist of 4 days; January 20, 21, 27, and 28. The training is open to anyone, not just for those who want to join the CERT team. However, those who are interested in being certified must make all 4 days. See Norm Simms if you have any questions.
- There will be a Commander's class at Albany Post 10 on January 27th. This class, which will begin at 1:00pm and end at 5pm, 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.
- Our Post will sponsor the Valentine's Dinner & Bingo night February 10th. Fifty tickets will be sold at a cost is \$15/person, \$30 a couple. Anyone who would like to help contact the merchants in town for donations or help sell tickets, let John Lee know. We will also need assistance setting-up before and clean-up afterwards. This has always been a fun night and a great fund raiser for our Post.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Post Commander John Lee

- The next Oratorical Contest will be held on January 17th at 6pm here at the Post. We need volunteers to help escort and keep time. The more of our members that show up helps our contestant prepare for future contests. All are encouraged to attend.

- The Boys State program took a pretty big hit this year in that we lost three of the top positions on that committee. We are looking for replacements now.
2. **Sergeant-At-Arms Mike McDaniel**
 - Mike reminded our group that we still have maintenance that needs to be done on the front of the building and explained that he plans on bringing this up at our next Executive Board Meeting.
 3. **ROPES Program Director Sharon Banks**
 - Sharon gave us an update on the ROPES program and explained that there is much going. She told us that the adult education program is being updated and that the Harrisburg High School has donated books, videos and other lesson plan material to help attendees obtain their GED. Sharon said that she has submitted paperwork for a grant to purchase a laptop computer for the program and will find out the outcome on January 24th. She told us that, with a GED, attendees in the program have a much better chance at finding employment and can even earn up to \$20/hr. Obtaining a GED can change people's lives. She summed up her talk by saying that that is what ROPES is all about, helping people grow, improve and find employment.

SICK CALL

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

1. John Lee acknowledged that the front of our building needs to be painted and said that when the weather gets better, we'll work to get this done.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Tonight's 50/50 winner is Brad Boles who received \$30.
2. Rick Dominguez reminded all not to forget about the piggy banks on the tables. He pointed out that the money goes into our child welfare fund.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 19:55 hrs.