

THE AMERICAN LEGION

COMPILED BY: D. George DATE: October 10, 2017
Post Adjutant

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

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS 8 MEMBERS 5 TOTAL ADDENDANCE 13

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

OPENING REMARKS

1. Commander John Lee introduced two guest speakers; Judy Clay from Willamette Valley Quilts of Valor (QoV), and Brian representing the School Board who was here to talk about the proposed school bond issue.

Judy spoke first and explained to us that, along with many other veterans in the Willamette Valley, her organization has honored as many as 150 veterans with quilts at the Veterans Home in Lebanon. She informed the group that QoV will be at the home again on the afternoon of November 7th and encouraged us all to attend.

Judy brought with her a colorful new quilt that was presented to Turner Whitfield. As with all the quilts made by this talented group of ladies, this quilt had Turner's name, his branch of service and the dates he served stitched into one of the corners. Turner was surprised and happy to find out that the quilt was actually made by his wife.

2. Next Brian was given the opportunity to speak to the membership about the school bond issue that we will be voting on again in November. He began by telling us that the School Board believes that this bond was voted down last year because of the cost and because voters were not provided with enough information. He spent the next few minutes telling us about the plans for the new building and what the voter approved bond will fund and then concluded by telling us that this information and much more can be found on their website: www.clsbond.org.

Brian finished up by answering questions from the membership. He then thanked the group for the opportunity to come and talk to us.

BUSINESS

1. As required, Commander John Lee read for the second time the revised resolutions that amend our Post By-Laws and Constitution. As each resolution was read, a motion was made and the membership voted on it. The results:
 - Article V, Sec. 1 of the Post By-Laws, *Finances and Dues* – Kneil Stucky moved that we accept, Norm Simms seconded. A vote by the membership carried the motion.
 - Article VI, Sec. 2 of the Post Constitution, *Finances and Dues* – Rick Dominguez moved that we accept, Kneil Stucky seconded. A vote by the membership carried the motion.
 - Article VI, Sec. 4 of the Post Constitution, *Finances and Dues* – Rick Dominguez moved that we accept, Mike McDaniel seconded. A vote by the membership carried the motion.
2. The Finance Report was distributed and Norm Simms explained that:
 - Our Post made \$187 on the Bazaar. He mentioned that the "seed" money used to make change was also deposited back into our account.
 - A run was made to Costco and supplies for the building were purchased.
 - Our Building Fund Saving Account remains over \$4,000.

- The money in the Restricted Funds column for Street Flags should be transferred to our checking account.
- The \$1,250 donated toward our mortgage was very much appreciated. Norm explained that if all goes well, we will have our loan paid off in about 8 years.

Brad Boles 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	-	\$1,062.80
Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account	-	<u>\$1,685.56</u>
Difference	-	<u>\$(622.76)</u>
Balance in Checking Account	-	\$1,089.42
Balance in Building Fund Saving Account	-	\$4,142.52
Balance in Restricted Fund Saving Account	-	<u>\$1,564.42</u>
Total	-	<u>\$6,796.36</u>
Loan Balance on Building	-	\$93,692.73

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

John Lee thanked Norm Simms for spending his own money in order to get things done this last month and asked if there was a motion to reimburse him. Brad Boles made a motion, it was seconded, and the vote carried the motion.

3. The minutes for last month's meeting were distributed for review and, since there were no questions or comments, a motion was made by Mike McDaniel to accept the minutes as presented. Carl Frank second to the motion and a vote by the membership carried the motion.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Veterans Appreciation Day** – Wednesday, October 11, 8am at the Pioneer School in Lebanon. Along with Post 51, Kneil Stucky, Dick May and John Lee will be attending.
- **Post Revitalization** - Saturday, October 14, 12N to 4pm we will be meeting at the Legion. Letters were mailed out earlier this week to the 150 members that have not yet paid their 2018 dues. On Saturday, we will also be calling to remind them.
- **Halloween Haunted House Event** – Will be setting-up on Monday, October 23rd and will begin the event on Saturday, October 28, 4pm to

8pm. The event is also scheduled for Monday, October 30, 4pm to 8pm and on Tuesday, October 31, 12pm to 8pm.

Norm informed the membership of what the planning meetings have decided so far. John Morrison asked for clarification on dates and times. Rick Dominguez asked if anyone had contacted the Democrat Herald and Turner Whitfield suggested a prop for the event.

- **Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony** - November 4th, 12N at the City of Halsey Library. Our Post will be providing the Color Guard. Carl Frank explained that the stone is being put in place on October 23rd and will remain covered until the dedication ceremony. He and Rick Dominguez encouraged us all to attend.
- **Oregon Health Plans Outreach** – November 9th, 6pm - 8pm here at the Legion. ROPES is sponsoring this event where there will be contractors in to help people sign-up for these health programs.
- **Veterans Day Parade** – November 11th, Albany. Same discussion as last month about military jeep pulling our float. Someone suggested that we may want to include our wooden military figures on the float if it is not raining. Turner Whitfield added that if we cannot find a military jeep, he may know someone who has one. Rick Dominguez volunteered to help build props for the float.
- **Turkey Dinner Before American Legion Meeting** – Tuesday, November 14th, 6pm here at the Legion. Kneil and Cindy Stucky will be providing a turkey dinner before our meetings.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Immediate Past Post Commander and Current SAL Commander - Rick Dominguez:

- SAL membership over 100%.
- The Department's next membership target is set for November 15. Each Post is encouraged to have their membership at 65% by this date. Our scheduled revitalization on Saturday should help to get us there.
- November 18th is the next District 3 Committee Meeting at Post 3 in Eugene. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

2. First Vice Commander – Brad Boles

- Brad Boles added that we normally have very good attendance at these District Committee Meetings and also encouraged all to attend.

SICK CALL

Please keep all member in your prayers

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The front of our building still needs to be painted. We are seeking estimates from contractors but may have to do the work ourselves.
2. The art class that Donna Lee conducted a few weeks ago went very well and she was able to donate \$130 to our Post. Our own Brad Boles was one of the attendees. With the success of this class, Donna is planning another one after the first of the year.
3. Carl Frank asked whether we were able to do anything about our roof leak and John replied that he and Norm Simms installed flashing in the area where they thought the leak may be coming from. Later, First Rate Roofing took a look at the roof and agreed that the area identified did indeed look like the problem area. The good news is that after the flashing was installed, we have not seen any more leakage.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Norm Simms mentioned that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) may be using the Legion in January 2018 to conduct first aid training. If this training takes place, it will be from 9am to 4pm.
2. Our Immediate Past Post Commander Rick Dominguez asked the Sgt-at-Arms to bring Commander John Lee front and center to receive an award of recognition for his tireless work with the Boys State and Oratorical programs. Rick also pointed out that John is doing a good job in his first year as Post Commander and thanked him for his efforts.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Tonight's 50/50 winner Kniel Stucky received \$32. Subsequent drawings for flash- lights were won by Wes Knight and Brad Boles.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 20:20 hrs.