

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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

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

ATTENDANCE: OFFICERS 7 MEMBERS 7 TOTAL ADDENDANCE 14

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:

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

OPENING REMARKS

Since there were no visitors to introduce, nor any other comments, Commander John Lee moved directly into the business at hand.

BUSINESS

1. The Finance Report was distributed. Finance Officer Norm Simms explained that our post received two donations recently totaling \$1,200 and that the money was applied to the principle of our building loan. By doing this, we have been able to reduce our mortgage by eight years. He asked if there were any questions about the report and there were none. A motion was made by First Vice Commander Brad Boles to accept the report as reviewed and was seconded by Comrade Marty Cross. A vote by the membership carried the motion.

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| Amount Deposited into Checking Account | - | \$3,894.95 |
| Amount Withdrawn from Checking Account | - | <u>\$2,698.40</u> |
| Difference | - | \$1,196.55 |

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| Balance in Checking Account | - | \$1,712.18 |
| Balance in Building Fund Saving Account | - | \$4,142.42 |
| Balance in Restricted Fund Saving Account | - | <u>\$1,564.38</u> |
| Total | - | \$7,418.98 |

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| Loan Balance on Building | - | \$94,705.97 |
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(Note: For complete explanation on Post Finances, see Financial Report)

2. The minutes for last month's meeting were distributed earlier for review and, since there were no questions or comments, a motion was made by Brad Boles to accept the minutes. A second to the motion was offered and a vote by the membership carried the motion.
3. John Lee informed the membership that he has recently reviewed our Post By-Laws and our Constitution and found it necessary to update them. He told the group that he talked to officers at the District and received good advice on how to make these changes. He explained that the first update was to change the language in our By-Laws as it relates to our post dues. He then read aloud Resolution No. 2017-1 (attached) that was developed to make this By-Law change. After reading the resolution, he asked if there were any questions. There were none.

John then explained that our Post Constitution needed to be updated for the same reason and then read aloud Resolution No. 2017-2 (attached) that makes this change to the Post Constitution. He asked if there were any questions and Comrade Brad Wright asked for clarification on why the two resolutions. John replied that the different resolutions were written because Resolution No. 2017-1 was to change the *Post **By-Laws*** and Resolution No. 2017-2 was to change the *Post **Constitution***.

John explained that the last resolution, Resolution No. 2017-3 (attached), was written to update our Post Constitution on how we are currently handling our checks and our debit card. Whenever a check is written by the Post Finance Officer, it must be counter signed by another officer on the approval list. When the Finance Officer uses the debit card, the expenditure must be approved by the Post Commander. Sergeant-at-Arms Mike McDaniel asked if this approval is done before or after the expenditure and Norm replied that it is done before.

John Lee told the group that he will be emailing copies of these resolutions out to our membership and will read them again at our October meeting. Afterwards, we will vote on them.

4. Norm Simms has verified with our insurance company that all officers that handle post funds are indeed Bonded.
5. John Lee informed the group that we will be moving forward with the scraping, sanding, and repainting of wooden surfaces on the outside front of our building. A decision was made that the color will be "American Legion" blue and gold. We estimate three gallons of paint should be sufficient and that most of the wood can be patched with putty where needed. We will be getting with members and asking for volunteers to get this done in the next few weeks if possible.

Carl Frank asked how will members be notified when it is time to do the work and John Lee replied by email and phone call.

Norm Simms asked if anyone knew of anyone who may have scaffolding and Second Vice Commander Rick Dominguez replied that our Chaplin Jim Weger does. Norm told the group that he also plans to elevate the flag pole so the flag can be raise higher over the building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Work Party Halsey Veterans Memorial** – This Thursday, September 14, 9:00am, at the Halsey City Park. Need workers to shovel dirt and other labor type jobs. Bring your own shovel (BYOS) and hard hat if you have one. Volunteers so far: Carl Frank, Mike McDaniel, John Lee, Norm Simms and Dan George. Carl Frank told the group that construction on the memorial is going well.
- **Bazaar/Rummage Sale** – Saturday, September 16th, 9-4pm, at the Legion. Table fee is \$10. If you have anything to donate, bring it on Friday.
- **Halsey Veterans Memorial Meeting** – September 20th, 2pm at Halsey City Hall.

- **Scratchboard Art Class** – September 23rd, at the Legion. Cost is \$30 for the day. All money will be donated to the Legion.
- **Halloween Event Planning Meeting** – September 26th, 5pm, at the Legion. So far we plan on doing pretty much the same as last year but if you have any ideas, let Norm know.
- **Cub Scouts Flag Etiquette** – October 5th, 4pm, at the Brownsville LDS Church. Need volunteers.
- **Post Revitalization** – October 14th, 10am, at the Legion. If you know of anyone who has not paid their dues, call and encourage them to do so. Come and help out on the 14th or come and have coffee with us.
- **Veterans Day Parade** – November 11th, Albany. Our Auxiliary will be entering our Post and we hope to have a military vehicle to pull our trailer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Immediate Past Post Commander** – Nothing to report at this time.
2. **First Vice Commander** – Nothing to report at this time.
3. **Finance Officer** – Nothing to report at this time.
4. **Adjutant** – 62 members have paid their dues thus far this year, which puts us at about 38% of our 162 membership goal. This is a little shy of the 50% that National wants us to be at by September 15th. We are hoping to do better after our Post Revitalization effort in October.

Mike McDaniel asked when our dues are due and Dan George replied that after the Annual Convention, each post is given new membership cards for the following year. Dues can start being paid immediately afterward for the next year. This is why our cards have “early bird” stamped on the face of it.

John Lee explained that 2017 dues expire in December of this year.

5. **Post Commander** – John Lee is planning to get with the High School in our area to recruit for the next year’s Oratorical Contest and Boys State.

SICK CALL

1. Our prayers go out to all that are not well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Our building's Air Conditioning has finally been repaired. The pump was replaced, the noise is gone and all seems to be working fine now. We have been keeping the building open on hot days and will continue to do so through hot weather in the future.
2. The leak on our roof will be inspected by 1st Rate Roofing soon. Marty Cross stopped in and talked to the owner and they will come out and try to find and repair the leak. If they cannot repair it for some reason, Marty told us they said they would fine someone who could. John Lee added that he spoke to Home Depot but they were unable to help.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Marty Cross informed the group that Louie White has said he is interested in helping with the Veterans Day float but that he needs to see the trailer hitch. Marty will give Louie John Lee's phone number. Louie has a Navy Jeep.
2. Tomorrow is the pot luck lunch at 12N, here at the Senior Center. All are invited.
3. Second Vice Commander and SAL Commander Rick Dominguez reports that the SAL currently has 101% of their membership goal. Good job SAL.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

1. Tonight's 50/50 pot is \$54 so the winner of the raffle will receive \$27. The winning ticket that was drawn belonged to John Morrison.
2. Before adjourning the meeting, John asked if the members in the back can hear better with the microphone set-up. They replied that they could.
The meeting was adjourned at 19:55 hrs.