

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING-POST 257

5 December 2013

The meeting was called to order at 1600 hours by First Vice Commander Joe Rainey. A quorum was present. Attending were: Hugh Seamster, Jim Shaffer, Ray Fico, Ed Brockett, Charles Crumley, Lou Tirado, Mike Evans, John Draper, Sam Higa, Joe Rainey, Vince Howley, Vanda Bresnan and Pat Burr.

Chaplain Ray Fico gave the Invocation and Sam Higa led the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Pat Burr read the minutes of the last meeting. Jim Shaffer moved that the minutes be accepted as read; seconded by Mike Evans. The motion passed.

Chaplain's report-Ray Fico: lots of letters have been received to be sent to our troops overseas. We have also received dozens of knit caps that fit under helmets for our troops.

Finance Officer's report-Sam Higa: our taxes are done and our Audit Report has been sent to District. A spread sheet was distributed with the Post Finances (see attached). In addition, \$80.00 + was brought in from the WWII Books.

Audit Committee report-Joe Rainey: the Audit Report will be given at the next meeting.

Adjutant's report-Hugh Seamster: a letter was sent out to the 45 Legion Members who have not paid (see attached). The result was 18 responses and one that responded today for a total of 19. Our goal for the year is 219 Members. We have two new Members. We had more inquiries, but those interested did not meet the Eras of Service Requirements and were referred to other Veteran's groups. We will be putting in a Gate Clearance Form through June, 2014. It was brought up that John Gilliam, a former member now paralyzed, cannot afford to pay dues. It was moved by Vince Howley and seconded by Chuck Crumley that we pay his dues from the General Fund. The motion did not pass. Joe Rainey passed the hat instead and raised the \$40 which was given to the adjutant to pay the dues.

By-Laws Committee: still need a Chairman.

Service Officer's report-Mike Evans: "Silent Night" will be the group song for the 12/19 dinner. We were urged to try the Laguna Cafe to help support the Veteran owner.

Website Committee report-Sam Higa: we are getting more hits on the Website. Sam has received three calls from people who saw the Website. He again emphasized that we are saving a minimum of \$150.00 every month by not mailing out Newsletters. The input about using the Website in lieu of a Newsletter mailing is still mixed.

Newsletter report-Vanda Bresnan: there will not be a Newsletter on the Website this month, but there will be an Announcement on the Website about the Holiday Dinner meeting on Dec. 19. The deadline for submission of articles for the Newsletter is the first Sunday following the Executive Board Meeting. Would like to include the current and following month dinner menus. At this time, no one knew what the menus for the next two months were going to be.

Fund Raising report-Wally Gramberg: Wally Gramberg is not present, so no report.

Quartermaster's report-Vince Howley: two wheel chairs and three walkers were given out. Veteran's can get a 3X5 flag for \$10.00; John Draper will be getting the pertinent information on this. We still have a full box of used flags to take to Newport Harbor.

Legion Auxiliary report-Vanda Bresnan: Grandma Carol is the lady bringing under-helmet knit caps to the CH 1 office. We will get her full name. It was moved by Jim Shaffer and seconded by Pat Burr that the Post contribute \$200.00 towards mailing costs for these knit caps. The motion passed. The Auxiliary is at 65% membership at this time. The Auxiliary will start collecting Valentine's Day items for the VA Hospital. Vanda said more trained people were needed to volunteer at the Sylvester Senior Center 4 hours one day a month to assist Veterans. The next VA Hospital visit in on 12/22/2013.

Third Vice Commander's report-Jim Shaffer: the Poppy Fund Drive brought in \$1979.44 with expenses of \$235.00 for a net profit of \$1744.44. Dinner at Polly's Pies will be on the second Thursday and the Legion Dinner on 12/19/2013.

Second Vice Commander's report-John Draper: Ron Johnson, a singer and keyboard player, will entertain at the December dinner. John needs referrals from the Members for entertainers. The budget per dinner is \$150.00 for entertainment. He will check at the Senior Center for entertainers.

First Vice Commander's report-Joe Rainey: the Honor Guard will be at the par 3 Golf Course on December 7 to open a fundraising event for "Fresh Start", a charity that operates on children with facial deformities.

Commander's report-Mike Thayer: Commander Thayer is excused. Vice Commander Rainey reported that an Event's Committee is being formed for next year. Volunteers are needed; if you are willing, contact Joe Rainey.

Open mic: it was reported that a scam letter purportedly from the Department Adjutant is going around. Do not reply to it! It was asked why we are not using the area by the Legion Stone anymore since so much time and money was put into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 1722 by Vice Commander Rainey.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Burr, Post Secretary

Dear November 16, 2013

The American Legion
Laguna Woods, Post 257
P.O. Box 2246
Laguna Hills, CA 92654

Dear

Please allow me a moment of your time to emphasize the importance of the American Legion. If you are anything like me, I thought the Legion was my Post and **had little thought of my up line leaders. The opposite is the truth.** For without the up line leaders, we have nothing more than a club that meets monthly. We share in our friendship, make new friends, help the Vets in our local Veterans Hospital, outreach to our local youth and Vets who are in need. Important, yes. Significant to the national level. No

Significant is when our National Commander, Deniel Dellinger, stands before congress and states, I stand here before you representing more than 2.4 million American Legion members that support resolutions for the support of all veterans serving during military conflicts in the recent past and current.

You and I support all veterans who have served in one or more conflicts by having an active membership number, our name and address including the conflict(s) we served in. We do this with our current dues and by helping our post add to its membership.

Today, I ask for your support. Please send your 40-dollar dues to the letterhead address immediately as our National leader reports to congress January 2014... We need to be strong in numbers for those who serve today especially those in the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts.

Ask a Vietnam Vet to join the Legion

Respectfully,

Hugh Seamster
Post Adjutant

Updated 12-05-2013										
	1FEB12 - 14JAN13	Jan-13	Q3/4 FY2013	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	TOTAL YTD
INCOME										
Poppy Funds Collected	\$10,676.50	\$220.00	\$3,496.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00	\$492.00	\$2,704.44	\$0.00	\$3,576.44
Polly's Fund Raiser	\$537.18	\$97.69	\$483.62	\$115.95	\$79.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.23
Dinner	\$7,673.50	\$1,303.00	\$9,138.72	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,549.00	\$1,293.00	\$875.00	\$0.00	\$3,717.00
Membership Dues	\$6,122.05	\$320.00	\$1,038.00	\$0.00	\$3,835.00	\$501.50	\$80.00	\$329.50	\$0.00	\$4,746.00
Donations to Post	\$1,247.00	\$0.00	\$286.72	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$110.00	\$367.00	\$109.00	\$0.00	\$786.00
Flag Sales	\$984.50	\$51.00	\$122.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$1,000.50	\$5.00	\$410.00	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$255.00	\$102.00	\$0.00	\$612.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	\$1,040.00	\$180.00	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00									\$0.00
Fund Exchange for Wally's Trip	\$0.00									\$0.00
Veterans Rehab	\$1,258.00									\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$30,539.23	\$2,176.69	\$15,415.31	\$190.95	\$4,114.28	\$2,720.50	\$2,487.00	\$4,119.94	\$0.00	\$13,632.67
EXPENSES										
Poppy expenses	\$9,985.00	\$0.00	\$266.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.34	\$0.00	\$2,037.19	\$0.00	\$2,106.53
Awards		\$0.00	\$190.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123.90	\$0.00	\$123.90
Dinner Fees	\$6,748.81	\$1,242.00	\$8,061.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,328.50	\$1,017.50	\$735.00	\$0.00	\$3,081.00
Membership Dues	\$3,466.50	\$0.00	\$549.00	\$0.00	\$2,123.95	\$188.00	\$47.00	\$164.50	\$0.00	\$2,523.45
Donations from Post	\$270.87	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flag Sales	\$523.44	\$0.00	\$68.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$954.46	\$0.00	\$409.78	\$233.95	(\$41.35)	\$41.35	\$411.07	(\$7.27)	\$0.00	\$637.75
Newsletter/Directory	\$567.24	Included in O	\$0.00							\$0.00
Student Programs	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$1,482.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Exchange for Wally's Trip	\$0.00		\$0.00							\$0.00
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Expenses Subtotal	\$23,116.32	\$1,242.00	\$11,841.56	\$233.95	\$2,082.60	\$1,627.19	\$1,475.57	\$3,053.32	\$0.00	\$8,472.63
OPERATIONS										
Facilities and Equipment	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$458.00	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$479.00
Postage & Mailing	\$997.29	\$538.80	\$1,035.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.19
Printing & Copying	\$85.23	\$0.00	\$189.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.70	\$0.00	\$20.70
Post Supplies	\$1,029.10	\$38.53	\$355.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.95	\$0.00	\$12.95
Other	\$79.00	\$0.00	\$299.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operations Total	\$2,630.62	\$577.33	\$1,878.90	\$0.00	\$458.00	\$16.19	\$21.00	\$33.65	\$0.00	\$528.84
Total to 1-14-2013	\$25,746.94									
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,819.33	\$13,720.46	\$233.95	\$2,540.60	\$1,643.38	\$1,496.57	\$3,086.97	\$0.00	\$9,001.47
TOTAL CHANGE	\$4,792.29	\$357.36	\$1,694.85	(\$43.00)	\$1,573.68	\$1,077.12	\$990.43	\$1,032.97	\$0.00	\$4,631.20
Poppy Fund Balance	\$691.5	\$911.50		\$3,921.75	\$3,921.75	\$4,232.41	\$4,724.41	\$5,391.66		
General Fund Balance	\$3256.25	\$3,106.04		\$1,204.78	\$2,298.68	\$3,719.97	\$3,641.76	\$4,193.09		
Union Bank Balance	3947.75	\$4,017.54		\$5,126.53	\$6,220.43	\$7,952.38	\$8,366.17	\$9,584.75		