

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING-POST 257

6 February 2014

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

Chaplain Ray Fico gave the invocation and Sergeant at Arms Lou Tirado led the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Vanda Bresnan and Seconded by Mike Evans that the minutes be approved as published. There was no discussion. The motion was passed.

Chaplain's report- Ray Fico: more socks are needed to be sent to soldiers. More letters to soldiers are needed; hopefully each person at the Dinner Meetings can bring 5 hand written notes thanking them for their sacrifices so there will be enough for the rest of the year. There were no Post Everlasting Announcements.

Finance Officer's report-Sam Higa: a spread sheet was distributed with the Post Finances (see attached). Checks for the ads in the Newsletter and Directory need to go to the Finance Officer when they come in. Our Operating Expenses are down but will go back up when we pay the cost of mailing the Directories. It was announced that Nick Alpino, previous Finance Officer, is taking over the position again starting this month.

Oratorical Contest & Boy's State report-Sam Higa: District only had 4 competitors, all from Newport Beach Post. We could not get any candidates. Sam Higa suggested we drop the Oratorical Program and concentrate on Boy's State. Boy's State Chairman John Badgley stated that it costs the Post \$1000 for the two Delegates we send to Boy's State each year. Additionally, the Program takes a lot of time to run. It will be his last year as Chairman. Commander Thayer moved we drop Boy's State and help other Posts with their Delegates. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn. Jim Shaffer moved and Vanda seconded the motion that we continue to send two Delegates each year, one from Laguna Hill High School and one from El Toro High School. The motion passed. (Minutes addendum: a replacement for John Badgley is needed now-he

will not be available to train a replacement next year. Commander Thayer.)

Booster Club report-Sam Higa: Sam pointed out that we have a Post Booster Club. People can join the Booster Club for a donation to the Post. We would put their name in the Newsletter and they would be able to attend Post events without being Legionnaires.

Newsletter email and website report-Sam Higa: we are averaging 150 hits a month on the Post website. If anyone has items for the website, including photos, send them to Sam Higa. Regarding the Newsletter, it was suggested sending the Newsletter by US Mail to all of our PUFL's.

Audit Committee report-Joe Rainey: there is no report this month.

Adjutant's report-Hugh Seamster: rules for Clubs have changed; we can police ourselves. We can retrieve our documents from the Recreation Office. Membership drive: we have 174 paid members but still have 35 unpaid members. Will make one more appeal to the unpaid members, then concentrate on getting new members for the Post. The need for DD214's was clarified-they will only be needed in case of an audit; we do not need to keep copies on file. Regarding the Directory, still working on correcting the list from National so our Post list agrees. A draft copy of the Post Directory was given to the Phone Tree Chairman so his callers can see if the phone numbers on it are correct. The new National Directory comes out in April. The adjutant passed out paperwork reiterating membership eligibility and John Gilliams membership eligibility. Regarding Candidate Gilliam, the bottom line is we need to see his DD214. Only WWII Merchant Marines qualify for Post Membership.

Events Committee-Mike Evans, Joe Rainey, Sam Higa: work is being done on the 5/26 Memorial Day Ceremony. They are concerned that other venues are having ceremonies at the same time. We need to see if we can get some kind of big draw such as the Marine Corps Band.

Service Officer's report-Mike Evans: on the website will be 3rd in the series of articles about joining VA Healthcare. All Veterans are encouraged to sign up; this is not Obamacare. The song for the February dinner will be "This is the Army Mr. Jones". Vince Howley reported that Veterans can now enroll in Delta Dental through the VA.

Newsletter report-Vanda Bresnan: all articles for the newsletter must be submitted by the Sunday following the Executive Board meeting.

Fund Raising report-Wally Gramberg: the February trip to Laughlin is sold out.

The Cruise has a good number of reservations. The Luau Laughlin trip will be June 11-June 13. Flyers will be on the tables at the dinner meetings but cannot go out in the Club House racks this early. Wally said that the trips also bring in some new Members.

Quartermaster report-Vince Howley: a lot of medical supplies have been given to members who need them. Vince reported that the lady who lets us use her garage appreciated the gift of cookies at the Holidays.

Legion Auxiliary report-Vanda Bresnan: Auxiliary membership is at 78%. So far we have only one school for Girl's State. Dana Hills H. S. has a testing schedule that overlaps the Girl's State meeting time so they cannot participate this year. We are back to going to the V. A. Hospital on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 5:15 in the evening. We need more volunteers for the Hospital.

Third Vice Commander's report-Jim Shaffer: Jerry Anderson will be co-chairman for the Poppy Drives. Polly's Dinner nights bring in an average of \$100 per month. We received an email from Pendleton School thanking the Post for the Gift Certificates we gave the teachers. Kathy Carlisle gave us several lap robes for the V. A. Hospital. We will send her \$25 for yarn; no motion is needed for this expenditure. It come from the Commander's discretionary fund. There are two Kiwanis members that would like to join the Post but are not eligible. It is suggested that they join the Post Booster Club.

Second Vice Commander's report-John Draper: no report. John is excused.

First Vice Commander's report-Joe Rainey: Joe needs reports on the number of hours Members spend on Post Activites for reports. Please give him a report of any hours you have spent. The Color Guard has nothing pending. It was reported at we need more Color Guard pins. Mike Evans ordered them last time.

Commander's report-Mike Thayer: wants to know who is in charge of taking care of the advertising in the Newsletter. Vanda Bresnan and the Finance Officer should be in charge. There are two people interested in putting in advertising. We also need a new Sunshine Chairman. There were no volunteers.

Open Mike: Joe Rainey suggested that visits to local Nursing Homes to visit Veterans would be a worthwhile endeavor. It was announced that Ann McAfee will be addressing the February Kiwanis meeting on Operation Interdependence.

Commander Thayer adjourned the meeting at 1745.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Burr, Post 257 Secretary

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	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14	TOTAL YTD
INCOME													
Poppy Funds Collected	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$380.00	\$492.00	\$2,704.44	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,676.44
Polly's Fund Raiser	\$115.95	\$79.28	\$0.00	\$184.73	\$0.00	\$72.08	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$458.04
Dinner	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,549.00	\$1,293.00	\$875.00	\$1,346.00	\$1,199.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,262.00
Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$3,835.00	\$501.50	\$80.00	\$329.50	\$840.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,946.00
Donations to Post	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$110.00	\$347.00	\$104.00	\$300.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,111.00
Flag Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$255.00	\$102.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$672.00
Newsletter/Directory Ads	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
Fund Exchange for Wally's Tri													\$0.00
Veterans Rehab													\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$190.95	\$4,114.28	\$2,720.50	\$2,651.73	\$4,114.94	\$2,778.08	\$1,615.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,185.48
EXPENSES													
Poppy expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$69.34	\$0.00	\$2,037.19	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,306.53
Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$123.90
Dinner Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,328.50	\$1,017.50	\$735.00	\$1,532.50	\$1,074.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,687.50
Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$2,123.95	\$188.00	\$47.00	\$164.50	\$493.50	\$251.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,268.45
Donations from Post	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flag Sales	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$233.95	(\$41.35)	\$41.35	\$411.07	(\$7.27)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$637.75
Newsletter/Directory													\$0.00
Student Programs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fund Exchange for Wally's Tri													\$0.00
Expenses Subtotal	\$233.95	\$2,082.60	\$1,627.19	\$1,475.57	\$3,053.32	\$2,226.00	\$1,325.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,024.13
OPERATIONS													
Facilities and Equipment	\$0.00	\$458.00	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$479.00
Postage & Mailing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16.19	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$128.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$144.19
Printing & Copying	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.70	\$0.00	\$5.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26.20
Post Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.95
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Operations Total	\$0.00	\$458.00	\$16.19	\$21.00	\$33.65	\$128.00	\$5.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$662.34
Total to 1-14-2013													
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$233.95	\$2,540.60	\$1,643.38	\$1,496.57	\$3,086.97	\$2,354.00	\$1,331.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,686.47
TOTAL CHANGE	(\$43.00)	\$1,573.68	\$1,077.12	\$1,155.16	\$1,027.97	\$424.08	\$284.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,499.01

Poppy Fund Balance	\$3,921.75	\$3,921.75	\$4,232.41	\$4,724.41	\$5,391.66	\$5,291.66	\$5,291.66						
General Fund Balance	\$1,204.78	\$2,298.68	\$3,719.97	\$3,641.76	\$3,981.64	\$4,625.75	\$5,047.20						
Post Balance	\$5,126.53	\$6,220.43	\$7,952.38	\$8,366.17	\$9,373.30	\$9,917.41	\$10,338.86						

COMMITMENTS