

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING-POST 257

6 March 2014

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

First Vice Commander Joe Rainey gave the invocation and Sergeant at Arms Lou Tirado led the Pledge of Allegiance. It was moved by Vanda Bresnan that the February minutes be approved as published. Mike Thayer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved.

Chaplain's Report-Ray Fico is excused due to illness. It was suggested that Lester Katin be considered for the Chaplain position. It was requested that if you hear of the death of a Post Member that you notify the Chaplain and the Executive Committee. The Adjutant has to send a Death Notice to Department. The Post Everlasting Announcements at the dinner meeting need to be at the beginning of the meeting with a proper ceremony, not ad lib.

Finance Officer's Report-Sam Higa: Sam will be late. Joe Rainey passed out the spread sheet with the year-to-date financial report that Sam had prepared (see attached). Sam is sending out information on the Booster Club/General Membership. Our dinner meeting results were as follows: we had 11 no-shows. It was agreed that in the future we would deduct 10% from the call-in number to give to the caterer.

Audit Committee Report-Joe Rainey: no report this month.

Adjutant's Report-Hugh Seamster: we are currently at 88.13% of our goal of 219. We have 193 members including 21 PUFL's. To recruit new members it was suggested that we consult Post 1000; call new residents to see if there are Veterans in the household. Hugh said some of the dinner attendees that sign the sheets on the tables are members in arrears. It was suggested that those coming to the dinner we asked to show a paid-up Membership Card. Jim Shaffer moved that a Membership Committee be formed with Mike Thayer, Warren Marr, Joe Rainey and Hugh Seamster . The motion carried. The

possibility of giving our 100 year old members PUFL memberships was discussed. It was tabled until the cost of these memberships was presented.

Events Committee Report-Joe Rainey: a copy of the proposed Memorial Day Program for March 26 was passed out. The print is larger and unneeded listings have been eliminated. O'Connor Mortuaries will print the programs for us. A DVD of a proposed short talk, "The Yoyo Speech" , is available for viewing to see if it is appropriate for the Memorial Day presentation. Joe Rainey moved that \$300.00 be allocated to the cost of Event Posters; seconded by Vince Howley; the motion carried.

Service Officer's Report-Mike Evans: Mike is excused. The Agent Orange Outreach was discussed. The Veteran's Service Office needs to be asked for the name of a person to discuss Agent Orange.

Website Committee Report-Sam Higa: there have been 100 hits on the website this month. Would like to put in some book reviews of books that would be of interest to Veterans. Sam covered SIS (Strength in Support); it aids returning Service Members and their families, providing counseling. Sam will find out more about the Mission Viejo based program and bring the information back to the Board to we can decide if we want to participate.

Newsletter Report-Vanda Bresnan: there was discussion on whether to keep a monthly newsletter or go to bi-monthly. There was support for bi-monthly but no motion was made. 91 members have requested a mailed copy of the newsletter. Jim Shaffer moved that we mail a newsletter to all WWII and Korea Veterans; seconded by Warren Marr. The motion passed. It was brought up that we may need to raise dinner prices to cover the mailing costs.

Fund Raising Report-Wally Gramberg: Wally presented a check to the Post for \$510.00 from his last Legion sponsored trip. He reported that he has had a good response for the cruise, and the June Laughlin trip is 75% filled.

Quartermaster's Report-Vince Howley: wheel chairs and walkers are being given out every week.

Legion Auxiliary Report-Vanda Bresnan: the Auxiliary membership is at 85%. This Tuesday there is a visitation to the V A Hospital Spinal Cord Injury Units. This Sunday is the monthly visitation to the V A Hospital to assist the AMVETS; meet in the CH 3 parking lot at 5:15 to carpool. Vanda reported needing \$500.00 to purchase canteen books. Joe Rainey moved that we provide Vanda with \$500.00 for canteen books; seconded by Jim Shafer. The motion was approved.

Third Vice Commander's Report-Jim Shaffer: next Thursday is our dinner at Polly's Pies

to raise money for the Post. Re Publicity for Agent Orange/Viet Nam Outreach, he and Mike Thayer will get together about this. Vocational Visions is a program for disabled adults. The Color Guard will be present at their location in May.

Second Vice Commander's Report-John Draper: the entertainment for the March dinner meeting will be The Bon Family. The April dinner meeting will feature a speaker on Agent Orange. This will be of particular interest to Viet Nam era veterans and may help bring in some new members. There is a speaker available about phones for the hard of hearing; it was agreed to put the information in the Newsletter rather than present it at a meeting.

First Vice Commander's Report-Joe Rainey: the Color Guard has four appearances in May: 5/10-a golf charity event; 5/13-at Vocational Visions; 5/25-at the Senior Center; 5/26-at the Post 257 Memorial Day Ceremony.

Commander's Report-Mike Thayer: a replacement is still needed to Chair Boy's State. The interviews for this year are arranged, but with no Chairman, next year could be in doubt. The Directory is up-to-date and ready to publish as soon as it is reconciled with the National Directory, NLT June 2014. A vote was taken on joining Veterans + Labor Partners in Service, a move to join the American Legion with Unions. Jim Shafer moved that we vote against joining in any kind of agreement with any Union; seconded by Pat Burr. The motion passed. We still need a Sunshine Chairman. Because of his health problems, we need a replacement for Chaplain Fico. It was suggested that Jim Juhan be Chaplain with Lester Catin his Associate Chaplain.

Commander Thayer adjourned the meeting at 1755 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Burr, Secretary Post 257