

Executive Committee of Post 257

The Meeting of the Executive Committee of Post 257 was called to order at 1600 hrs on September 30, 2015 by Commander Warren Marr.

Those attending were Commander, Warren Marr, Joe Rainey, Vince Howley, Vanda Bresnan, Joann Killian, Wally Gramberg, Ed Brockett, Mike Layton, Sam Higa, Lou Tirado, Ken Sigmund, Jerry Anderson and Bivian Marr.

Invocation by Joe Rainey and Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Lou Tirado. The minutes of the September 3, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

The Chaplain's Report: none given. Joe Rainey is to ask the former Chaplain, Ray Fico, for his source of socks and T-shirts for distribution to veterans at the VA hospital.

Nick Alpino, Finance Officer, was unable to give a full accounting of the Post's funds due to not being notified in a timely manner of expenses charged to debit account. He explained that it is impossible for him to keep track of debits and credits made to the checking account without being informed about them immediately as they are expensed. Nick asked that he be notified by email by the members who possess debit cards or the "The Square" processor as debits and credits are made.

The balance in the checking account as of this date is \$10,021.83, the General fund balance is \$4,479.35 and the Poppy fund balance is \$5,542.48.

The Audit committee reported that Polly's participation is down due to poor food quality, bad service and high prices. Advertising revenue is down due to inconsistent charges for advertising and failing to bill.

Quartermaster income is down because more wheel chairs and flags were purchased. Sales are not being made at meetings because goods aren't available to sell, Vince is going to purchase more hats for that purpose.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to end the Polly Dinner program after October.

Joe Rainey reported that the audit was completed.

Adjutant Vanda Bresnan, reported that there are 128 paid members and

the goal is 220.

1st Vice Commander, Mike Layton, reported that the Membership Committee composed of Ken Sigmund, Ed Brockett, Gary Bain, Vanda Bresnan and himself, will meet on Monday, October 5th.

An article he wrote covering membership needs to be condensed and its placement in the Globe has not yet been determined. Mike said that he needs to change the verbiage of the New Member Initiation Program due to the difficulty new members had repeating what he said. This will be discussed at the meeting of the committee.

Operation Interdependence needs will be announced at every General Meeting and the things brought in will be sent to Ann McAfee for shipping.

The Commander announced that the position of 2nd Vice Commander remains unfilled. The Event Committee has the entertainment covered for October but nothing is planned yet for December.

The first Taco Tuesday is October 6 and 34 tickets have been sold. Doug Houston is booked for entertainment and Tomas Martinez is catering. Vanda, Joe Rainey and Sam Higa will assist Nick in selling tickets at the event. If it's successful another will be scheduled.

Veteran's Day Program should be outstanding with the two speakers who are scheduled. Vanda will find appropriate artwork for the poster and flyers. Needs good advertising with possibility of video shown on Channel 6 if the Col has it.

3rd Vice Commander Jerry Anderson, has an article in the Globe promoting the next General Meeting, Taco Tuesday and Polly's. The Poppy Drive starts the week before Veterans Day. He needs to get people signed up to work in front of the stores.

Quartermaster, Vince Howley, is getting a power chair for a Veteran who needs it. Sales of hats would be better if he had more on hand, intends to order more.

Wally Gramberg reported that the trip to Laughlin 10/14-16 is sold out.

Mike Evans has resigned his post of Service Officer and Vince Howley will take it over since it blends well with his other responsibilities. Kathy Rath will

handle the information sheets at the General Meetings.

Joe Rainey reported that the Honor Guard will be at the Lake Forest Senior Center on November 5th for the Veterans day program and at one funeral. He needs more people to participate in the Honor Guard.

Sam Higa is evaluating the 6 to 8 binders of information given him by former Historian, Mike Evans. The information recorded for the Veteran's History Project may not be compatible with the Library of Congress. The applications to participate in the project are a good profile on the members. He said something about the website being linked to the Historical Society. He intends to inquire about the policies of other posts about record keeping.

Vanda Bresnan has ended her long commitment to producing the Post Newsletter. The website may be a replacement for the Newsletter, if it can be kept current. At this point a Webmaster has not been found in spite of the advertising that has been done.

Ken Sigmund reported that the Telephone Committee will no longer attempt

to call the "unreachable members." More members are needed on the Telephone Committee.

President of the Auxiliary, Joann Killian, said she finds it helpful to attend the Executive Committee Meetings. The Franchise Tax Board has indicated to the Auxiliary that their tax exempt status needs clarification and they are dealing with this.

The Commander announced the Orange County Rescue Mission is overseeing Operation Stand Down at the old Tustin Air Station on October 23. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Post contribute \$1000.00 to Operation Stand Down for 2015, as was done in 2014.

Some members of the Post: Commander Marr, Mike Layton, Jerry Anderson and Vince Howley, will be going to Camp Pendleton to meet with the CO of the 5th Marines, Colonel K.R. Kassner along with Regimental Sergeant Major, C.T. Nguyen who will be the speakers for the Veterans day program at Clubhouse 3 on 11/11.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to increase the dues by \$5.00 to \$45.00 effective January 2016 because National will be dunning all Posts the additional \$5.00 at that time.

The Commander asked that help be given to those putting away equipment after the General Meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 1730 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Bivian Marr
Substitute Secretary