



AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

Minutes for General Membership Meeting September 14th, 2020

OPENING – The meeting was called to order by Commander Bob Hoffman at 19:05 hours.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ROLL

CALL OF OFFICERS – Judge Advocate, Mike Starkman was not present.

GUEST – None

MINUTES – The Minutes of the August 2020 meeting have been e-mailed to all Members. A motion was made by Raymond Myers to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded and approved. Minutes for members without e-mail will be mailed by USPS monthly.

FINANCIAL REPORT - was given by Kenneth Hoffman, Finance Officer. Motion was made by Larry Estes to accept the report as read pending audit. Motion was seconded and approved. Further information is available upon request to Kenneth Hoffman.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - by Judy Peterson. Currently we have 96 members that have renewed. The drawing for Free Membership for 2022 was held. The winners were Rick Gakeler, Frank Kennedy, Mike Gallagher, Davie Cofield, and Donald Haith.

NEW MEMBERS - We have four new members, Bart Brooks, William Hess, James Thornton, and Larry Quinn. A motion was made by Raymond Myers to accept the new members. Motion was seconded and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY – Commander Hoffman thanked everyone that participated in our clean-up on Saturday, September 12th. Eight members participated and it took just over 1 hour to complete.

BINGO – was held on Saturday, September 5th and will be held again on Saturday, September 19th. Anyone that wants to help is welcome. Thanks to Bill McGrath for taking care of the food.

PISTOL FUND RAISER – Commander Hoffman reported that only 25 tickets remain to be sold. We will have the drawing when those are sold, hopefully at our next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

POW/MIA CEREMONY – A ceremony will be held at the Post on September 18th at 5:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend.

BAY COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL MTG - First Vice, Mike Dwyer gave a report on the last meeting. A copy of the notes is attached under separate cover to these Minutes.

VETERANS STAND DOWN – The Bay County Veterans Stand Down sponsored by Gulf Coast College will be held on November 13th. Commander Hoffman will check to see how we can assist.

BIKE WEEK – We are still waiting to see if Bike Week will be cancelled. If not, the Riders will be handling the funding for this event.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS: Commander Hoffman reported on an award ceremony held at our Post. State Commander Rick Johnson presented Post 402 with a certificate and a gold coin set for being one in 5 Posts in the State that completed the requirements for this award. Our 2020 Membership total was 110% of our goal and we were the 1st Post to sign up for the Adopt A Highway Program.

FLAG PURCHASE FOR WEST BAY CEMETERY – Commander Hoffman was notified by member Johnny Kirkland that the flag light was broken at the cemetery. He has ordered a new light and will install it upon receipt. VFW Commander Mary Lemburg donated a new flag to be installed at the cemetery. Commander Hoffman also ordered the flags to be placed on the Veterans graves for Veterans Day. More information will be announced at the October meeting.

DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE LAURA VICTIMS - We are collecting items to be donated to the Victims of Hurricane Laura. All members were asked to drop off their donation by September 18th at the Post. Commander Hoffman and Finance Director Kenneth Hoffman will be delivering the items to a Legion Post in Alabama on the 21st or 22nd of this month.

HALLOWEEN COLORING BOOKS – A motion was made by Larry Estes to purchase 200 Halloween Coloring Books and deliver them to the students at West Bay. Motion was seconded and carried.

FALL CONFERENCE - The Fall Conference held in Orlando has been cancelled due to the Corona Virus.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

VETERANS DAY POPPYS - Finance Director, Kenneth Hoffman suggested that we sell Poppy's as a fund raiser for Veterans Day. He will research this option and report at our October meeting.

CLOSING PRAYER was offered by Commander Bob Hoffman.

MEETING ADJOURNED – by Commander Bob Hoffman at 19:55 hours.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 5th, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Judy Peterson
Adjutant

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Robert Hoffman
Commander