



AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

Minutes for General Membership Meeting February 1, 2021

OPENING – The meeting was called to order at the Emerald Coast Post 402 by Commander Bob Hoffman at 18:01 hours. The flag of our country was saluted, and opening prayer was offered by the Chaplain. Sgt. At Arms (Acting), draped the POW chair and the Commander lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – All were present except 1st Vice Commander and Financial Officer (vacant). Judge Advocate, Mike Starkman, Sgt At Arms, Bill McCurdy, Historian, Bill McGrath and Chaplain, Ed Nendick joined the meeting via Zoom.

Moment of Silent for a fallen Comrade – William “Bill” Weber

GUEST – Jim Cottrell, American Legion Post 30 from Rock WI.

MINUTES – The Minutes of the January 2021 meeting have been e-mailed to all Members. A motion was made by Jimmy Bowers to accept the minutes as written. The Motion was first/seconded and carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Commander, Bob Hoffman provided a report of the available balances for the Post ending the month of December. A Motion to accept the report subject to audit was made by Jimmy Bowers with a first/seconded and carried.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Currently we have 139 members for 2021. Our annual goal from Department is 145. Our goal for January 28th was 92.41% and we have 139 which is 95.86% of our annual goal! Reminder, all 2021 memberships should be renewed soonest.

NEW MEMBERS – We have three (3) new membership applications; Dennis Crisp (USA), Christine Vollerhausen (USN), and Dean Norby (USMC); all paperwork has been reviewed and fee received. A motion was made by Jimmy Bowers to approve the new members, the motion was first/seconded and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Fund Raising – \$650 was approved to purchase a pistol, one (1) box of ammunition and raffle tickets to raffle as a fund raiser for the Post. A items have been purchased and raffle ticket sales (250 @ \$10 each) have begun.

American Legion Flag Retirement – Completed an American Legion Flag Retirement ceremony on 10 JAN 21, thanks to all that participated.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Bay County Veterans Council – (no report)

Four Chaplains Ceremony – Remembrance provided by Commander Hoffman.

Airport Welcome Center – Commander reminded the Post that volunteers were needed to support this effort.

Correspondence – Received; request for donation from the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Robert Lemburg motioned to donate \$50, motion was first/seconded and approved.

Contracted Post Kitchen – The VFW voted and approved during a General Membership meeting to lease the use of the Post kitchen to Hillbilly Eatz. Legion events and fund-raising events in the future can be coordinated to use of Hillbilly Eatz food service, all plans for use should be coordinated at the House Committee meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in advance of the event.

Fund-Raising Events – Legion Bingo 13 February, plan is to utilize Hillbilly Eatz for food service.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Programs - JROTC Cadet of the Year, General Scholarship, and Eagle Scout of the Year applications due 1 March. Jimmy Bowers made a motion to purchased two sets (cert/medal) for both the JROTC Military and Scholastic awards not to exceed \$250. The motion was first/seconded and approved.

Robert Lemburg proposed that the Post inquire into the American Legion program structure for both the Boys State/National and Girls State/National. To discuss why are these two programs are being managed separately by the American Legion and Auxiliary respectively, as opposed to a joint program?

Jimmy Bowers commented that the National Commander will be visiting the Department Florida (3-9 FEB), but not in our area.

CLOSING PRAYER was offered by Chaplain Ed Nendick.

MEETING ADJOURNED – by **Commander Bob Hoffman at 1900 hours.**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 1st, at 6:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Michael Taft
Adjutant

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Robert Hoffman
Commander