



AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

Minutes for General Membership Meeting July 6th, 2020

OPENING – The meeting was called to order at the Emerald Coast Post 402 by Commander Bob Hoffman at 18:00 hours. The flag of our country was saluted, and opening prayer was offered by Commander Hoffman. Sgt. At Arms, Bill McCurdy draped the POW chair and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The SAL members had nothing to share with the Legion and were released to their meeting.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – All were present except for Chaplain, Ed Nendick who had an excused absence. Judge Advocate, Mike Starkman joined the meeting via Zoom.

GUEST – None

MINUTES – The Minutes of the June 2020 meeting have been e-mailed to all Members. A motion was made by Bill McCurdy to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded and carried.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTED POSITIONS: Judge Advocate, Mike Starkman and Adjutant/Service Officer Judy Peterson were confirmed by the General Membership.

FINANCIAL REPORT by Kenneth Hoffman, Finance Officer. The Bank account has been transferred to Kenneth Hoffman and Bob Hoffman. Debit cards were issued to both Ken and Bob. Ken recommended that we only make expenditures based on our operating expenses due to our low bank balance, Since the Harley event was cancelled, we need to find new ways to raise money in order to support the charities that we serve. Bob, Ken and Judy will work together to establish a financial budget. Ken recommended that our Post rent be paid each month at the time of our meeting.

Motion to accept Financial Report pending audit was seconded and approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT by Mike Dwyer. We completed the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year as #1 in our Division. The new membership year began July 1st. We will continue our incentive program of awarding 5 memberships for next year. Everyone that pays their 2021 Dues by our September meeting will be eligible.

NEW MEMBERS – We have one new member, James Williams who transferred from Post 356.

All required documents have been reviewed and 2020 dues have been paid. A motion was made by Bill McGrath to accept the new member. Motion was seconded and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DOT Adopt A Highway – Judy Peterson discussed the cleanup that was held on June 20th. We had 10 members that participated. It was noted that we need to start earlier in the day to avoid the heat and the traffic. Our next cleanup will be held in September and will start at 7:00 AM.

West Bay Elementary School – Trip to Washington DC was cancelled due to Covid 19. Correspondence was received from Michelle Good, Assistant Administrator for West Bay Elementary School, confirming that our funds will be placed in a separate account and held for a future trip to

Washington DC, as soon as travel is permitted. Motion was made by Bill McCurdy to allow the school to keep the donation. Motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter from Department Legion Commander, Rick Johnson was explained by Commander Hoffman. Commander Johnson distributed a letter that he has written to President Trump asking that the VA Clinics and Hospitals see our veterans on a timely basis, continue with surgeries and test for Covid 19. A copy of this letter is attached.

COMMITTEES: Commander Hoffman discussed the need for volunteers to serve on the following committees:

- Americanism and Children and Youth**
- School Awards and Medals**
- Law and Order**
- Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation**
- National Security/Contingency Plan**
- Membership and Post Activities**
- Public Relations**
- Entertainment Committee**
- Fundraising Events**
- Harley Davidson Event**

Please contact Commander Hoffman or Adjutant Judy Peterson if you would like to serve on a committee.

Fund Raising: Commander Hoffman discussed having Bingo as a fund raiser. Mary Lemburg stated that some money is made from Bingo and pointed out that it is also a Community Service. It was also discussed that afternoon Bingo was more successful than evening Bingo. A show of hands resulted in approximately 10 members offering to help with Bingo. Commander Hoffman stated that it will be up to the General Membership if we decide to host Bingo. Bill McGrath mentioned several fund-raising ideas.

With no further business to discuss, Commander Hoffman offered prayer and the flag of our country was saluted.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, at 6:00 PM

MEETING ADJOURNED – by Commander Bob Hoffman at 18:50 hours.

Respectfully Submitted

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Judy Peterson
Adjutant

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Robert Hoffman
Commander