

Minutes of the General Meeting of November 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commander Dover at 7:02 p.m. following the Legion Protocol.

Officers in attendance were: Commander Dover, Adjutant Colbert, 1st Vice Commander Dress, 2nd Vice Commander Middlekauff, Chaplain Buhrow, Finance Officer Kuhn, Judge Advocate Paulson, Past Commander Gomes, Past Commander Costello.

Minutes were read by the Adjutant. Moved to accept by Ted Costello (Dyke Shannon). Passed.

Move to suspend meeting for a Post Everlasting at the request of the Commander – Passed (could not hear voices). The meeting was suspended at 7:12 p.m.

Post Everlasting special done for Bill Adams who had just passed away.

The meeting resumed at 7:22 p.m.

Guests: SAL Commander introduced two new SAL members who volunteer to help at the pancake breakfast.

Committees:

1st Vice – Reported progress on his Four Chaplains Service on Feb 3, 2018 at 2 p.m.

2nd Vice – combined with Service Officer – notes on the board include changes in TFA that applicants be members of the Legion. Project VetRelief is for anyone. VA will also text appointment reminder if requested.

Finance – He reported income and expenditures and the full report is on the board. Jim Middlekauff/unknown voice. Passed.

Adjutant – nothing to report other than normal billing activity.

Boys State – Ted Costello reported that the fee is \$450 per boy. Ted wants to send in the check ASAP to insure that we can increase our Over Quota to two. Ted Costello/Chuck Kuhn moved that we increase the over quota to two boys this year. Passed. The check will be sent to Ted to be delivered to the Department with the registration.

Boy Scouts – Ron Gagne reported on the Jamboree as well as the Troop's activity. He also commented on the introduction of female members to Cub Scouts that begins in the Fall of 2018.

Sea Cadets – Attended the Seal Muster and have 31 cadets who assisted with the Marathon.

Marathon – Bigger turnout this year. There were fewer competing events. We had 274 registered this year and the compliments were good. We did not spend money on Facebook advertising. The accounting was turned over to Finance. The profit is split between the Sea Cadets and the Post. He mentioned Chuck Kuhn and Charles Coleman and others including the Sea Cadets. He also mentioned other items from the event. Total profit was \$7500 to be divided. The Commander thanked Neil for his great assistance.

SAL Commander – Policy on donation targets were established. The profit from the Breakfast is to be handled by the SAL as they have taken over the Breakfasts. The "fees" for the Veterans from the Nursing Home will be paid to SAL at the \$3 per person to keep the breakfast in the "black."

Auxiliary – The report that was provided by them was read by the Adjutant.

Service Officer & 1st Vice continued – We received a \$25000 donation to assist with upgrades around the Post. We are in need of a roofer to check the roof and provide an estimate on any repairs needed. He also mentioned the FRA meeting, the addition of cameras to the building security. Jim/Ted moved that we install the cameras as described by Central Florida Alarm with the Backup Power Supply. Passed. He also mentioned that he needs help around the building so that the improvements can be made. He also mentioned the sign and the need to change it. Jim / Ted moved that we replace the existing street sign with a newer digital sign for about \$12000 (there is a quote). Passed. The sign company will handle any permits needed.

Sic Call & Employment – no report.

New Business:

Report on the construction – The superintendent for the construction has been very cooperative about the fence, road curbing and moving us to the new water supply point and adding us to the city sewer system to replace our Septic Tank system. The roadway is going to be changed and to go North on Goldenrod, you will have to make a U-Turn farther down the road. There will still be a left turn from Northbound Goldenrod into the Post.

Project VetRelief - Ted/Chuck moved that we donate \$1000 to Project VetRelief. The process was explained. Passed.

For the Good of the Legion:

Manny Gomes has recruited three members of the Active Duty Army from the recruiters. They had been over to Post 183 and did not want a “smoking” Post so that want to join our Post. Manny wants to take the cards to them when the cards are ready.

Any Veteran can now shop on line with both the Navy and the AFES Exchanges. You will have to register with each to shop.

The USO has a project for Operation Stuff a Stocking to provide toys to troop families. Many/Steve Miglionico moved that we donate \$200 to the Central Florida. The Commander asked how many families were involved and what they are providing. Passed.

The meeting was closed according to protocol at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Colbert, Adjutant