

**American Legion  
Palm Valley Post 233  
General Membership Minutes  
February 6, 2014**

Ceremonial opening conducted by the Commander.

The Commander called the meeting to order at 7:27pm.

The Commander recognized Past Commander Mark Dorsey, VFW Post 3270 Commander Jim Durnal, Auxiliary President Judy Mills, and SAL Commander Tex Ward (also representing ALR).

Roll call of seventeen members present.

The Minutes of the January 2, 2014 General Meeting were read. Motion to approve Minutes as read was seconded and passed.

Applications/Transfers: Bunce, Snyder, Richard, Mier, Robertson, Mobley, and Hart. Motion to accept applications and transfers as read was made, seconded, and passed.

The ALA report was read and attached.

The SAL Commander made his report.

The ALR report was read and attached.

#### **Old Business**

First Vice reported that the Past Commanders' dinner might be scheduled until April. He added that the Early Bird Dinner has been scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> and that Paul Zito will be cooking. The menu is TBD at this time.

#### **New Business**

The Commander presented the House Committee Report. He noted that the smoking vote was underway. He then reported that Diane Dorsey was retiring. He informed the Members that with Diane's retirement, this was a good time to create Employee Rules and Regulations while also updating the Post's By-Laws. He noted that a Committee would be formed and report back on any progress. He added that the Executive Board would make any hiring decisions in the future.

The Website report was read and attached.

The Commander's report was read and attached.

The reading of the Finance Report was tabled until the next meeting since the Finance Officer was excused from the meeting.

The Adjutant reported that membership is at 83.204% and that the Post is short by 65 members to make 100%. She noted that she mailed in 15 that day so only 50 are needed.

The Service Officer reported that Boy's State interviews are next week. He stated that he is looking for a volunteer to join the Committee to assist and learn the process.

Dan Wortmann stated that the PGA Tour said no to having a table at Sawgrass events.

The Public portion of the meeting was closed at 8:03pm.

The Commander reported that there was a kitchen fire on February 5, 2014 and the cleaning company was hired to clean up the resulting mess at a cost of \$875. Motion to pay the cleaning company \$875 was made, seconded, and passed.

The Commander stated that when the gas company came in to turn the gas back on it was discovered that there was a gas leak. The cost to repair this leak was estimated at \$500 to \$600. Motion to spend up to \$600 to repair the gas leak was made, seconded, and passed.

Alhambra Dinner Theater donated food and filled the freezer again. A plaque was made and will be presented to them for their generosity.

A Nomination Committee was formed and will consist of Stu Lilly and Mark Dorsey. Anyone wanting to run for an office should see them.

The Sharks Baseball team at Ponte Vedra High School is looking for the Post to renew its banner for the side of the dugout. Motion to pay \$175 for a banner to hang on the side of the Ponte Vedra High School's dugout was made, seconded, and passed.

The Alden Road EOC School has the Post if they would consider donating \$360.65 for t-shirts for the Special Olympics. Motion to donate \$360.65 was made, seconded, and passed.

The Commander reported that he would like to purchase two years' worth of name plaques for MIAP cremains. Motion to spend \$250 to purchase 200 name plaques was made, seconded, and passed.

The 2014 Convention will be held in June in Orlando. The Commander requested that two rooms be reserved so that he and the Adjutant can attend. Motion to reserve two rooms and allocate up to \$750 for each person to attend the Convention was made, seconded, and passed.

The 5<sup>th</sup> District will be hosting a Hospitality Room at the Convention. Motion to allocate \$100 for a donation to help fund the Hospitality Room was made, seconded, and passed.

The Commander reminded everyone that the 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting is 2:00pm this Sunday at the Post.

The Commander stated that the Adjutant, Sgt-at-Arms, and Mike Eatmon would be counting the votes for the Smoking Policy Ballot immediately after the meeting.

Nothing further for the good of the Legion.

The Commander conducted the Ceremonial closing.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes were transcribed by Adjutant from notes and voice recording of meeting.