

American Legion Palm Valley Post 233

General Membership Meeting Minutes

November 7 , 2016

Commander Dan Wortmann asked Sgt. At Arms Mike Williams to secure the meeting room. With the colors of our country in place we hand saluted. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was read. SAA Williams placed the MIA Flag. Commander Wortmann declared the General Membership Meeting convened at 1914 hours.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was determined by Adjutant Ted Veber.

SICK and DISTRESSED

Member Ira Chelette passed away recently. Past Commander John Kozlowski (Capt. Ski) was released from the Bayside Rehab Center. He is recuperating and receiving therapy at his home due to his fall which resulted in a broken femur.

PCC and GUESTS

Commander Wortmann recognized 3 Term Past Commander and Department Social Media Director Roy Havekost, Auxiliary President Linda Williams, SAL Commander Roger Akey, SAL Finance Officer Howard Sheble, Auxiliary member Angie Kees and Kitchen Manager/ALR representative Kathy Church.

MINUTES

Minutes from the October 3, 2016 General Membership Meeting were posted on our website. M/m, 2nd, passed to accept as contained in the Post website. No omissions, corrections or additions were noted.

MEMBERSHIP

2 new members were read in by Adjutant Veber. John VanNatta and Jim LeBlanc. All paperwork in order, DD214's verified, dues payments in hand. MM2nd to accept these men as members. No objections. AL membership currently at 54%, well short of goal.

Linda Williams, AUX President Report

Members decorated the Post for Halloween. Aux members participated in every meal, collected box tops and coupons for our overseas veterans , used Social Media to encourage everyone to vote, worked on Post flyers. Members attended the Northeast Florida Vet Council meeting, SHADCO meeting, and the K9's for warriors graduation. A member sings our National Anthem prior to our NFL game event, members attended the House Committee Meeting, a member drove a veteran to the VA, members attended the 5th District Poker Runs and the MIAP 10th Call to Honor service at the South Florida National Cemetery.

Howard Sheble, SAL Finance Officer August Report- Sons of the American Legion Squadron 233 Members prepared and served meals and assisted other entities during their scheduled meals.

Howard continues to serve on the Post Football Team. SAL hosted 3 Bingo nights, donated \$200 for 2 entertainment events, members attend all Post meetings and helped out at a Legion dinner. SAL Membership presently at 40%.

ALR Report- Linda Williams

Members continued to host the very successful Taco Tuesday, breakfast and dinner meals during the month. A member picks up bread at Publix and takes it to our Post every Thursday. Members attended the MIAP Call to Honor #10, Shadco, rode in the ALR316 Zombie Run, during the Round Robin for Project Vet Relief, welcomed ALR 137 during their Leukemia Lymphoma Run, delivered the Post Bar fridge and donates a Free ALR breakfast for Sunday Football.

PAST COMMANDER'S CLUB Report- Judge Advocate Roy Havekost
The November 5 Pig Roast was successful resulting in a profit of \$495.

SOCIAL MEDIA Report- Department Director Havekost

The Post 233 websites most popular page is E Calendar followed by our Newsletter and meeting minutes.

HOUSE COMMITTEE Report- Susan Severson, 2nd Vice Commander and HC Chairperson

Key events-11/24 Thanksgiving Dinner, 12/4 Steak Night w Kenny Holiday, 12/16 All Entity Xmas Party, 12/25 ALA Xmas Lunch, 1/1 Morning Brunch and Football Event. Private parties- 600 people total expected, 12/5 Sawgrass CC Employees, 12/6 Palm Valley Boat Parade, 12/8 Men's Club, 12/11, Dept Florida Commander and ALA President visit with Buffet Brunch at 11:00am, 12/25 ALA Xmas Meal, 1/1/17 New Years Day Buffet prior to the Jaguars Football game against Indianapolis. It was noted there would not be a New Years Eve Party with a Midnight Meal this year.

NEW BUSINESS

AL will again host the Thanksgiving Day meal. Commander Wortmann, Finance Officer Mathews and Executive Committee Member Mathis volunteered to provide hams and turkeys for the meal.

FINANCE REPORT- Ben Mathews, Finance Officer- Post revenue was down for the month of October with Hurricane Mathew a major factor. A loss of \$1700 was reported. A MM2nd to accept the report for audit. There were no objections.

With nothing further for the good of the AL and Post 233 Commander Wortmann instructed SAA Williams to retrieve the MIA flag.

Commander Wortmann conducted the closing ceremonies and adjourned the meeting at 1950 hours.

Ted Veber
Post Adjutant