

American Legion Palm Valley Post 233

General Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 1920 hrs by Commander Dan Wortmann.

Opening prayer offered by Chaplain Warren Rauhofer . SAA Mike Williams placed the POW-MIA flag on the empty chair. 1st Vice James Durnal lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call by Adjutant Ted Veber determined quorum. 9 members present.

Minutes from the June 6th meeting- MM by Judge Advocate Roy Havekost to accept minutes as shown on Post website. Motion seconded, all were in favor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sales representative Wendy Brogan met with Canteen Manager Pam Behrendt and Finance Officer Ben Matthews regarding the use of Master card and Visa credit card use with the POS system. This feature is expected to be put in place within the next 10 days.

A decision was made to continue using our contract cleaners at this time at a price of \$125 per month.

We will continue to collect non-perishable goods for the 5 Star Veterans Center until mid July. Commander Wortmann and Adjutant Veber will then deliver goods collected to the Center.

The unsightly top of our perimeter fence has been removed by Commander Dan, SAA Mike Williams, and Canteen Manager Pam's teenage sons.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Severson, 2nd Vice Commander advised our Flag Service Ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 4th with the time yet to be determined. Adjutant advised J. J. Malone has agreed to participate.

Susan also advised we will have a rib cook-off and back to school drive. The entertainment will be provided by Kenny Holiday.

MM/2nd with no opposition to provide kitchen refrigerator locks for added security.

Chaplain Warren Rauhofer will look into leading a “Veteran Gabfest” on Saturday afternoons in an attempt to increase attendance. He will discuss the details of this event with Susan Severson upon his return from NC and provide additional details.

FINANCE REPORT

Adjutant Veber and PCC Kirkwood discussed the details of the June report. A decision was made to delay the acceptance of the report until the food income and any other entries have been reconciled.

When this is accomplished the report will be e-mailed to the Legion Officers for approval or comments/questions. A \$500 line item for 2 annual PCC meal events will be added to future reports . Legion will benefit from proceeds.

CORRESPONDANCE

We received a thank you letter from Ryan Quintal for providing his Boys State sponsorship. He mentioned he learned a lot about our City, County and State Government and will carry this fantastic experience with him for the rest of his life. He thanked American Legion Post 233 for all we do and have done and for giving him this tremendous opportunity.

Adjutant Veber advised we received a letter from the Florida Department of Revenue regarding, effective 7/1 a tax exemption for sales of food and drink by qualified veterans organizations. Judge Advocate Roy Havekost advised it will not be necessary to file for this exemption because our current Florida Consumers Certificate of Exemption (Form DR-11) is valid for several more years.

SAL Finance Officer Howard Sheble reported the following: Sal members continued their support of evening meals and events hosted by the other entities.

The Thursday evening Bingo and meal event has met with increasing success and profit.

Auxiliary President Linda Williams reported the following: Members-present and involved in the kitchen during every meal!-collected box tops for Ocean Palms School, labels for Home for Children and \$11,754.03 in coupons to send overseas for military families-created flyers, calendars and TV updates. Chaplain Celeste Sheble sent cards, visited people and sang our Anthem during events. 2 members attended ShAdCo, Virna Waldron is current President. A member attended the NEFVC meeting-members attended the 5th district Constitutional Conference., a member attended the house committee meeting and several attended the annual Florida Department meeting in Orlando at which Post 233 received several awards including the Auxiliary 100.5% Membership Award. This contributed to the 5th District being 1st in the State of Florida for membership. Member Debbie Eatmon's Ocean Palms class won awards for an Americanism Essay competition and one has been entered in the national competition. Members decorated the Post for events, started a roster phone list to visit with every member to talk and invite them to attend and participate in future events.

Auxiliary Report by President Linda Williams

ALA sponsored a Memorial Luncheon for Kathryn Hoza providing food for her family and friends.

With no further business to discuss Commander asked all to rise and uncover.

Chaplain offered a prayer.

Commander Wortmann declared the July 5th meeting of the Post 233 Executive Board adjourned at 1958 hours.

Ted Veber
Adjutant
Executive Board

Approved by,
Commander Dan Wortmann