

## AMERICAN LEGION POST 233

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2019

- Commander Caroline Merillat called the meeting to order @ 1808 hours. (Audio recording available)
- Meeting room secured.
- Commander conducted the opening ceremony.
- Adjutant Ted Veber determined quorum with 13 AL, 2 ALR, 1 ALA & 1 SAL member present.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES-Read by Adjutant, 2 corrections noted, distressed member Rusnack first name changed to Theodore, distressed member last name changed to Frankousky. MM2 to accept as corrected, all in favor. Minutes filed.

ALA REPORT-Celeste Sheble, President. Provided details of July activities including receipt of “Billy Award” during 5th District meeting. Also shared the District VA & R Chairman’s report. Reports filed

SAL REPORT-Provided by Commander Mike Shaar, read by Adjutant. Details of July activities including 100% membership achieved for 2018-2019 & contributions for AC invoice, MIAP, Children of Fallen Warriors , K9’s for Warriors, Clara White Mission, Betty Griffin House, Special Olympics & ALA 233. Filed.

FINANCE REPORT-Jason Odom, Finance Officer. Detailed profit (\$1091.19) total income & expenses. Report posted on AL bulletin board and filed.

52 GUNS- Judge Advocate Roy Havekost stated raffle terminated by E-Board at July meeting. Ticket purchasers will be refunded. Bank cost was \$32, MM2, all in favor, to provide funding to cover this expense.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT- By Adjutant. To date-156 renewals for 2020, 17 new members, 4 transfers. Post records indicate 84 members “Past Due”. (no dues payment since 2018). Committee will contact all ASAP. 1 transfer, Tom Errol & 2 new members were read in. MM2 to accept their applications, all were in favor.

ACTIVITIES-Woodstock scheduled for 8/24, 5th Friday Dinner will be hosted by ALR, Kathy Church will handle 9/1 breakfast. Law & Order Awards scheduled for 9/14, spaghetti dinner will be served. This event will take place in Main Hall. Also on this date will be the ALR “Ride for Little John’s Cure” with the 4th stop at our Post. This will include a BBQ and entertainment by Hind Site.

PAST COMMANDER'S CLUB- By PC Roy Havekost. PC Sonny Kirkwood resigned his E-Board position and tendered his Post 233 resignation via an email message. Roy stated he will fill the E-Board position for the time being.

SOCIAL MEDIA- Roy Havekost detailed website activity.

ADJUTANT REPORT- Membership Card checks began on 8/20. Tom Gugliuzza will man front entrance door podium on Friday 8/23.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- AL member B. J. Atkins asked for a volunteer to handle Thursday Publix bakery goods pick-up and delivery. Also asked that bartenders move in goods from Pavilion and save for Friday lunches and dinners.

Commander discussed trash accumulation in back yard stating wood will be used to fuel the Woodstock Event bonfire. The rest will be carried out to the dumpster.

NEW BUSINESS- AL member Jerry Boland asked about our pest control plan. Commander discussed with member Luke Schneider who provided recommendations. Commander asked for a volunteer to handle this task.

Commander discussed the need of an Engineering Assessment on the implementation of a water and sewer hook-up.

E-Board Member Josh Wathen resigned his E-Board position.

Member Bill Etheridge suggested a Post Info Packet be made available to new members. He also felt we should assign a mentor to these individuals. Commander indicated a packet is currently be put together and agreed the mentor idea should be considered.

Our "Meeting Attendance Incentive Raffle" was held. Josh Wathen won the \$25 Club refreshment Gift Certificate.

With nothing further for the good of the Post to be discussed, our Commander conducted the closing ceremony and adjourned the meeting at 1911 hours.

Ted Veber, Adjutant

Caroline Merillat, Commander