



**American Legion
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“Transparency through better communication”

General Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

- Meeting called to order Commander Caroline Merillat, 18:06. (Audio recording available)
 - Meeting room secured.
 - Salute to Colors
 - Prayer by Commander
 - Report of sick and distressed members
 - Attendance sign-up sheet with 10 members, see sign-in sheet.
- 1) **April 2019 Minutes provided to all members present, no corrections/omissions. Motion to accept, seconded, and approved.**
 - 2) **Correspondence: None**
 - 3) **Financial Report:**
 - a) Provided by Jason Odom and will be posted. Motion made to accept for audit, seconded, and approved.
 - 4) **Membership:**
 - a) 82%, the low numbers are largely from our WWII, Korean War veterans who were unreachable via phone or mail.
 - b) Caroline Merillat , 2 new members: William Etheredge and Thomas Doty. Motion made to accept, seconded, and approved.
 - 5) **Communications:**
 - a) Entity Report:
 - i) ALA report provided by Celeste Sheble, ALA President.
 - ii) SAL, report read by Ted Veber submitted by Howard Sheble (not in attendance).
 - iii) ALR no report.
 - b) Past Commander’s Club, Roy Havekost updated slow progress is being made, the tickets for sale “52 guns and 52 weeks” raffle to raise money for the Post.
 - 6) **Old Business:**

- a) Post's Well Water system needs a city permit or connection to city water. No update
- b) Woodstock 50th year anniversary event will be rescheduled to August.
- c) Discussion regarding post business and post inconsistent flow of revenue, Ted Veber gave a breakdown of the weekly income is barely enough to pay the overhead of the post. Ideas were mentioned:
 - (1) Membership does not support the post, that needs to be addressed.
 - (2) Increase visibility with post participation in community events.
 - (3) Increase events, involvement from post programs SAL and ALR involvement and contributions.
 - (4) Continue ALA contributions of events.
- d) Main AC unit needs repair. Need an estimate.
- e) SAL will take charge and pay for the repair to the Men's bathroom urinal.
- f) Roy Havekost informed the members that Post 233's Constitution and By-law had been approved by the American Legion Department of Florida.

7) New Business:

- a) **Nominations 2019-2020 Post 233 Officers:** Last round of nominations were submitted with a non-contested ballot. All nominations have been voted in by members present.

Officers Nominated and elected, the names below have accepted the position.

- (1) Caroline Merillat, Commander, no other nominations.
- (2) Alan Straw, 1st Vice Commander, no other nominations.
- (3) Carl "Chip" Robinson, 2nd Vice Commander, no other nominations.
- (4) Torsak Vimoktayon, 3rd Vice Commander, no other nominations.
- (5) Conrad Esposito, 4th Vice Commander, no other nominations.
- (6) Jason Odom, Finance Officer, no other nominations.
- (7) Kevin Terranella, Sergeant-At-Arm, no other nominations.
- (8) Jerry Boland, Chaplin, no other nominations.
- (9) Bob Bleak, Historian, no other nominations.

Nominations and elected for E-Board Members(5):

Jeff Tupper, Tom Gugluizza, Josh Wathen, David Boyd and Mike Williams. No other nominations.

Roy reminded the membership that per our new bylaws we added an EB member, our Executive Board will consist of 6 members: 5 members to be voted in by membership and one past commander elected by the Past Commanders Club. The person voted in this term was Sonny Kirkwood.

Commander Caroline Merillat appointed the follow personnel as her cabinet members, confirmed unanimously by members present.

- (10) Adjutant, Ted Veber
- (11) Judge Advocate, Roy Havekost
- (12) Service Officer, Torsak Vimoktayon

Nothing further for the good of the post.

Meeting adjourned, 18:55

Very Respectfully,

Torsak Vimoktayon
Post Adjutant