

American Legion Palm Valley Post 233

General Membership Meeting Minutes September 6, 2016

Commander Dan Wortmann asked the Sgt. At Arms Mike Williams to secure the meeting room. With the colors of our country in place we hand saluted. 1st Vice Commander James Durnal lead us during the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The Preamble of the Constitution of the American Legion was read. Commander Wortmann declared the General Membership Meeting convened at 1925 hours.

A quorum was determined by Adjutant Ted Veber with 14 members present.

We observed a moment of silence in memory of 2 Term Past Commander Mark Dorsey who passed away after a lengthy illness on 9/3.

Past Commander John Kozlowski (Capt. Ski) is hospitalized because of a fall that required surgery. Commander Wortmann recognized 3 Term Past Commander and Department Social Media Director Roy Havekost, Past Commander and 5th District Adjutant Sonny Kirkwood, Auxiliary President Linda Williams, SAL Commander Roger Akey, SAL Finance Officer Howard Sheble, ALR Road Captain BJ Atkins, 5th District Commander Fred Matthews and 5th District Historian and Americanism Chair Corey Glasner.

Minutes from August 1, 2016 meeting. M/m, 2nd, passed to accept as contained in the Post website. No omissions, corrections or additions were noted.

The details of 3 new members were read by Adjutant Veber. A motion MM2nd to accept their 233 memberships. All were in favor.

Linda Williams, AUX President August Report- Aux members participated in every meal, attended the Orlando Workshop, the 5th District meeting at Post 316, collected box tops and over \$25K in coupons for our overseas veterans. Members attended the 70th birthday of VFW Post 7909, assisted a veteran at Brooks Rehab and his wife, drove veterans to the VA Hospitals in Gainesville, used Social Media to encourage everyone to vote, worked on Post flyers. Members attended the St. Johns Co. Vet Council meeting, SHADCO meeting, and the K9's for warriors graduation.

Howard Sheble, SAL Finance Officer August Report- Sons of the American Legion Squadron 233 prepared and served meals and assisted other entities during their scheduled meals. The SAL will contribute funding for this years Jaguar Football events. Howard will serve on the Post Football Team again this year. The Thursday SAL Bingo continues to be a successful endeavor with increasing attendance and profit.

B. J. Atkins, ALR Road Captain August Report.- Members continue to serve meals during the month. 143 Tacos were served on a Tuesday during August, a new record! Thanks to all who came out. Members continue to serve our 3rd Sunday of the month country fried steak breakfast. We repaired the post lawn mower.

Susan Severson, House Committee Chairperson and 2nd Vice August Report:

July minutes were e-mailed to Committee members. No comments regarding omissions, corrections or additions noted. MM 2nd to waive the reading of the minutes.

The recent school charities event was poorly attended. An effort will be made to advertise future events better via social media and local newspapers.

The Sept. AUX Cookbook Nite is scheduled for the 3rd Thursday of Sept. This is also the Men's Cigar Club nite.

HCC contacted the Clair White Mission regarding Community Service Workers. A line of communications was set up between Kitchen Mgr. Kathy Church and the St. Johns. Co. Community Service Organizer.

A \$240 donation to Vet Relief was sent.

KM Church reported our Post Health Certificate renewal letter was shown to the health inspector. Minor violations were noted and corrected.

HC Chair Severson and Canteen Mgr Pam Behrendt conducted a bartender meeting. Shift opening and closing check lists were provided. A maintenance log book system was put in place. The (log) will be used to record items needing repair and action taken.

Adjutant Veber will update the Post Security System.

SAL Commander Roger Akey asked if the Post had a disaster recovery plan. HC Chair Severson will handle.

An extensive cleaning day was scheduled for 9/24 @9AM. Food and refreshments will be served.

Jani-King will strip the kitchen floor for \$100. MM2nd to have this done.

AC repairs by Donavon Air for \$302. Entities will share cost.

KM and CM spoke to Jani-King and clarified the current contract. They don't clean behind the bar or in the pavillion.

Events-9/4 Flag Retirement Ceremony, 9/10 Steak bingo, 9/11 Law and Order Awards and Jaguar Football, 9/17 RPV pavillion rental, 9/18 Jaguar Football, 9/24 Karaoke by Shotgun Jerry, 9/25 Jaguar Football.

Commander Wortmann directed SAA Williams to escort out non-Legionnaires.

Finance Officer Ben Mathews distributed copies and discussed the report. Although the bottom line showed a slight loss for the month of August improvement is expected beginning in September due to the events and pavillion rental planned.

CORRESPONDANCE

Adjutant Veber read a letter from the Red Coat Grant Group of the Tournament Players Club regarding our application submitted in June requesting a \$10,000 charitable grant. The grant was not allowed but they encouraged us to resubmit an application again next year which we will certainly do. They mentioned they are aware of who and where we are and the good we do in the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, JA Roy Havekost mentioned the Florida Highway Patrol Program requires a \$350 sponsorship. MM2nd with no opposition. Ponte Vedra High School will offer candidates. We reinstated our normal Saturday opening and closing hours after the August trial period.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing to discuss.

5th District Commander Fred Mathews discussed the significance of the unveiling of the District Monument at the Jacksonville National Cemetery scheduled for 10:00 am on 9/14. He also reminded us of the District Training class at Post 283 on 9/17

5th District Historian and Americanism Chairman Corey Glasner mentioned several large business in our area have grant money available that is not always used. He suggested we should continue to seek funding which, of course, we will do.

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

Commander Wortmann offered a prayer.

SAA Williams advanced and retrieved the POW-MIA flag.

Commander Wortmann stated with the colors of our country being in place we hand saluted.

Commander Wortmann declared the September meeting of the Post 233 General Membership meeting adjourned at 2020 hrs.

Approved by,
Ted Veber
Adjutant - Executive Board

(Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting Adjutant Veber and Commander Wortmann provided Commander Matthews with a copy of our Post Constitution and By-Laws and Post statistics in compliance with his request.)