

14 September 2022

## MINUTES PALM VALLEY POST 233 AMERICAN LEGION EXECUTIVE BOARD

OPENING: Conducted by Commander Caroline Merillat

QUORUM: As determined by Adjutant Jerry Grause. In attendance were; Commander Caroline Merillat, Adjutant Jerry Grause, Roy Havekost Judge Advocate, Allen Straw First Vice, Bill Hyatt Sgt at Arms and E Board members Mike Morris, Derek Prince, Lori Ringland and Chuck Shoals.

FINANCE REPORT: Presented by Commander Caroline Merillat, the abridged version of the Finance Report with a current balance of \$1,200.00 was approved. The Finance Report was abridged due on going technical problems VyStar Credit Union is experiencing globally.

DISCUSSION:

OPEN ISSUES:

Commander Caroline Merillat reported that:

- 1) The event held on Saturday, 10 September in support of SJCSO was a great success. Sheriff Hardwick was in attendance along with 6 of his senior officers and their wives. Food served by MamaSama was well received and the band Hired Guns, who donated their time (and a \$500 gift) were enjoyed by all the approximately 270 members and guests in attendance.
- 2) Ongoing staffing issues with bartenders continues. A new and experienced bartender has been hired to cover Taco Tuesday and Sunday Football shifts. Her name is Lauren.
- 3) The proposed splitting and sale of part of the Post land has been put on hold due to lost interest by the potential buyer. Other options will be pursued.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) It was reported that the proceeds of a gift basket raffle held on the 10 September event was missing \$300 from the \$800 worth of tickets sold.
- 2) It was decided by unanimous vote of the E Board to terminate the bartender Amelia due to performance issues.
- 3) A “soft opening” for MamaSama catering is planned for 24 September with a limited menu of Pizza and Italian dishes. The target for featuring MamSama catering on a regular Friday & Saturday basis is late October.
- 4) A Membership Drive event is planned for Saturday, 15 October at the Nocatee Farmer’s Market from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. During the event, the Post will provide presentations on Flag Etiquette. Training for Legion, ALA & SAL members manning the event will be held on Saturday, 8 October.
- 5) The Post will be hosting a “Ruck For Life No Veteran Left Behind” 5K Race on Saturday, 11 November at 9:00 am. Sponsors to support the event are needed.
- 6) The Post Halloween Party is scheduled for Saturday, 22 October.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 pm

At 7:00PM the General Legion Meeting was opened. In addition to the Executive Board members listed above, in attendance for the General Meeting were: Julie Kay of the ALA . She reported the 8 October Member's Tea has been postponed. They are looking at a date in early 2023.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:15 PM