

10 May 2023

MINUTES PALM VALLEY POST 233 AMERICAN LEGION EXECUTIVE BOARD

OPENING: Conducted by Commander Caroline Merillat

QUORUM: A Quorum was attained as determined by Adjutant Jerry Grause. In attendance in addition to the Commander and Adjutant were Allen Straw First Vice, Eric Jagers 2nd Vice, Roy Havekost Judge Advocate and E Board members Mike Morris, Lori Ringland and Chuck Shoals.

FINANCE REPORT: A Finance Report was submitted and approved, pending an audit.

DISCUSSION:

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Commander Merillat confirmed the Post Caterer MamaSama's last day of service would be this coming Sunday, May 14, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Commander Caroline Merillat proposed a Post 233 Revitalization Plan to be presented to Legion members at tonight's General Meeting before the second Nominating Call for 2023-2024 Officers. The Revitalization Plan would be to close the Post for operations at the end of May for the three months of summer (through Labor Day) in order to pursue the specific details (planning, costs, sources of revenue and professional services) required to partition the approximately 4 acres of land the Post owns, sell the rear half of the property to generate seed capital and then demolish the existing Post building and design/build a new Post building. The condition of the current building, kitchen equipment and HVAC/Plumbing systems are old and in terrible condition, and difficult/expensive to maintain. It was proposed that the current slate of Post Officers/Executive Board would remain in place through planning period and then present the results to the General Membership in September 2023. The Executive Board voted 8 Yes /2 No to present this proposal at the General Meeting. Allan Straw 1st Vice and Jerry Grause Adjutant/Executive Board member voted No.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:00 pm

At 7:00 pm Commander Caroline Merillat formally Called To Order the General Meeting for Post 233. In attendance in addition to those in attendance at the Executive Board were Julie Kay President of the ALA and Howard Sheble Vice Commander of the SAL. Also in attendance were 5th District Commander Lena Heredia-Perez, 5th District 1st Vice Commander Miguel Garcia and 5th District 2nd Vice Commander Joe Maichle.

- 1) The Finance Report was presented and voted Approved, pending an audit.
- 2) Julie Kay presented the ALA report

- 3) Howard Sheble presented the SAL report.
- 4) Commander Merillat then presented the Revitalization Plan to the General Membership (Legion, ALA and SAL) and asked for questions concerns. After some questions were addressed, there was a proposal and a second to vote to approve or dis-approve the Plan. At this point, 5th District Commander Lena Heredia-Perez reported that she had just been in contact with the State/Department Legion Judge Advocate and it had been determined that a proposal to potentially dispose of Post property could not be voted on until all currently active members of the Post had been notified of the proposal in advance by mail. At this point the proposal to vote on the Revitalization Plan was rescinded.
- 5) A second and final round of nominations for 2023-2024 Post 233 Officers was held with the following results.

Post Commander. David Venter nominated himself.

1st Vice Commander. Ed d'Avi nominated himself.

2nd Vice Commander. No nominations.

3rd Vice Commander. No nominations.

4th Vice Commander. No nominations.

Sargent at Arms. Bill Hyatt nominated himself.

Finance Officer. No nominations.

Chaplain. Doris Gill nominated herself.

Historian. Allan Straw was nominated, but declined.

Executive Board Members (5). No nominations.

Past Commander Executive Board Member. Dan Wortmann was previously elected by the PC Club and accepted as per Post C&BL..

As no position was contested, it was proposed and seconded that the above Slate of Officers be approved. By vote of the 21 Legion members in attendance, the Slate was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.