

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
MARY ELLEN PIOTROWSKI POST 94 SUN CITY WEST AZ  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 23, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 0930
2. ROLL CALL: All officers present except Jack Coyle (E), Margaret Hunter (E), Daniel Reilly (E), Gerry Berger (E), Harold Stern (E), Wayne Riedmann (E), and Thomas Metzger (E).
3. MINUTES: Dated November 21, 2019, approved as distributed without change.
4. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORT:
  - a. Commander: Going forward if you know in advance you will not be able to attend this board meeting, or any meeting, contact me not the Adjutant. It may be possible to change the date or time to ensure our meeting are well attended.
  - b. Senior Vice Commander: Membership report approved; currently we have 347 paid members or 92.7% of our goal; the next target is 85% by Feb 7, 2020, then 90% by Mar 6, 2020.
  - c. Adjutant: Non-profit bulk mail permit is active, and a copy of our application is on file with the Adjutant.
  - d. Finance Officer: Budget, and underspent budget items Review in progress as is a 6-month review and forecast. Some items needing attention are (line 10) column (G). Total Fund Balance: \$18,472.23.
  - e. Service Officer: Is lining up service officers for the March 26<sup>th</sup> Veterans Administration Workshop, here in Sun City West. A printer is needed to assist in completing applications and duplicating important records. **A Motion was made, seconded and approved by all present to provide funds not to exceed \$300 for the printer.** After much discussion it was determined funds will come from the contingency fund.
  - f. Chaplain: The report is provided by Adjutant Heller. Ray Sailer will move into an Assisted Living Facility soon, and Leo Flynn will get a double-bypass sometime in the middle of February. We wish him the best and a speedy recovery. Our Chaplain Hunter has laryngitis both need our prayers.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - a. Dennis Fossey the PCB chair, gave up-to-date, details in accordance with PPC Berger for the Pancake Breakfast, (PCB)
    - i. The tickets are ready.
    - ii. Flyers are printed.
    - iii. Invitations at the printer. Have in 4-5 days.

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- iv. The sponsor's list is updated.
    - v. Cost of advertising in the Independent Newspaper; not determined.
  - b. BBQ Challenge Commander Leighton POC; it opens on March 7<sup>th</sup>, the set-up starts at 0800 with the putting up the cover, table, and chairs. With more information at the General Meeting on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. **SAVE THE DATE:** Veterans Benefits Expo. Scheduled on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Ken Porizek is the chair.
    - i. All Volunteers are assigned a job, assignments were emailed.
    - ii. Meeting room set-up is in the planning stage. (Quale room) at the foundation building.
    - iii. Advertisement Will cover Sun City West, through newspapers, local magazines, and electronic media.
    - iv. Need more Service Officers; offered privacy to comply with the Health insurance Portability and Accountability Act 1996; (HIPAA).
    - v. Venders will have one table and chairs as needed.
    - vi. Flyers updated NLT Feb 15<sup>th</sup>,
    - vii. Map Showing Location of venders will be available.
    - viii. Advertising by sandwich signs outside where they can be seen.
  - d. Post elections in May.
  - e. The post Spring picnic is in April. Need a Point of contact, (POC).
- 6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a. A request was made to National to start our dues increase to \$40 on January 1, 2021. Some members were billed on January 1, 2020. Correction made; overpayment reimbursed.
  - b. A donation request to the National Commanders 25M goal for The Veterans & Children Foundation was made, a Motion will go to the Exec. Board For approval, and if approved it will be added to the budget.
  - c. A National Security Workshop will be held in Apache Junction on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d. District 11 (Veterans rehab dinner), Picnic is on Mar 28<sup>th</sup>, at Post 29, 5 to 9 PM. We will have more information as we get closer to the date. Will we do anything as a post? buy a table, individual members attend or go as a group; we sent them \$300. More discussion at the next General Meeting on Feb 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - e. Post-Special Events?
    - i. Memorial Day;
      - 1. participate in another activity, need suggestions.
      - 2. Need volunteers if participating in another activity.

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- ii. Veterans Day;
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  - f. Jr ROTC leadership awards, more information soon.
  - g. Lloyd Kilmer's plaque to all he accomplished has been replaced with a different theme. Frank Adelman will give a report on what can be done at the next Exec. Meeting.
7. GOOD OF THE LEGION:
- a. Flag Retirement, during the week of April 13, 2020. Time not determined.
  - b. As an addendum: Jack Coyle the Membership chair has our current membership at 347 of 90.7% of our goal and the next target date is Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at 85%, March 6<sup>th</sup> is 90% he feels we will reach our goal of 100% before May 8<sup>th</sup>, He thanks all for stepping up.
8. Closing Prayer offered by Adjutant Heller
9. Commander Leighton closed the meeting at 10:33.

JAMES M HELLER  
ADJUTANT