

THE AMERICAN LEGION  
MARY ELLEN PIOTROWSKI POST 94 SUN CITY WEST AZ  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 0930
2. ROLL CALL:All officers present except Larry Leighton (E), Harold Stern (E), and Dennis Benjamin (E).
3. MINUTES: Dated November 21, 2019, approved as distributed without change.
4. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORT:
  - a. Senior Vice Commander Jack Coyle is acting Commander. He reminds everyone to focus on “challenges that need addressing before the Membership Meeting.
  - b. Adjutant: Membership, we are 96.7% of our goal for 2019/2020. The next target dates are Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 90%, ‘April 3<sup>rd</sup> 95%, May 8<sup>th</sup> 100%.
  - c. Finance Officer: No report Total Fund Balance as of January 31, 2020, is \$21,947.29
  - d. Service Officer: No report
  - e. Chaplain: Leo Flynn by all reports is doing well. Marty Spargo is still on dialysis, still waiting for microscopic surgery to remove a small growth on one kidney. Sad news Don Peterson has passed, no arrangements at this time. A Memorial Service for Don Morris is on Friday, March 13 at 1:00 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church. The Honor Guard will do a rifle volley and play taps. Don will be interned at Arlington Cemetery. Remember to contact the Chaplain or Commander if you know of any member hospitalized or not doing well. I received an email from Larry about Don Watkins; “he says Don sounds despondent, and maybe some phone calls from our membership will give him a different outlook on life.”
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - a. Gerry Berger is reporting on Pancake Breakfast (PCB) for Denny Fossey.
    - i. We have a list of volunteers but could always use more. Call Denny if you can help.
    - ii. Pick-up supplies on Feb 27<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the day scheduled to move equipment and supplies to Kitchen and inside the storage area. The time is two to four pm.
    - iv. Ensure tables are set-up for the best use of space.
    - v. A Golf Car scheduled?

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- b. Gerry Berger is reporting on the Veterans Benefits Expo: It is scheduled for Mar. 26<sup>th</sup>, from 0900 to 1500, held in the Webb Room at the Foundation Complex, located on 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd.
  - i. There is a long list of vendors and Veterans Org. all listed on our Website, azlegion94.org.
  - ii. A short opening ceremony is scheduled. (0900)
  - iii. Selected volunteers arrive at 0730
- c. Officer Elections: April 2020 Installation May 2020. For clarity all positions are open. Listed below represent current open positions with one assistant position.
  - i. Treasurer open, present Treasurer is retiring. One recommendation; split the position; Treasurer and assistant.
  - ii. Junior Vice Commander
  - iii. Historian Appointed
  - iv. Publicity Contact Appointed
  - v. Assistant Adjutant for meeting minutes and correspondence. There is an Adjutant Manual, as well as an Officers Guide and Manual of ceremonies it covers duties and requirements of all Elected and appointed officers.
  - vi. Post Spring Picnic, is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 10:00 eating at 11:00, ending at 13:00; Larry Anderson is your contact. He is asking for help and has some volunteers lined up. The Post is asking again for \$5 at the door to help us help our Veterans. The fee can be waived.  
This year a motion is needed to set the date. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all members present to select April 18, 2020, for our second Spring Picnic.**
- d. **A Motion is made, seconded and approved by all present to donate \$1000 to the National Commander's \$25M goal for The Veterans & Children Foundation.**
- e. The District 11 Picnic vote was tabled for further guidance.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Packages for Hope a Veterans program teaming with other organizations to provide transitional housing for veterans currently at-risk. They will also supply much-needed housing items. **A Motion was made seconded and approved by all present to donate \$500 to MANA House. and given to Packages from Home to support Packages for Hope.**
- b. Organ Pipe Post 10 request for a donation to build a Post Home. **A Motion was made seconded and approved by all present to Table the request.**

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- c. Meeting room layout change: Frank Adelman and Jim Wheeler have volunteered to work with the Foundation to find the number of personnel each room will hold according to table placement. **A Motion was made seconded and approved by all present to table the request for the room layout change until Frank and Jim finish their inquiry.**
- d. Presently the cost of advertising in the Independent is unknown and Gerry has not looked into pricing. Rumor has it ¼ page is \$150/\$200, and by the time she has the amount the Exec Board will be out of session. **A Motion was made, seconded and approved by all present, to give Gerry Berger approval to spend funds at her discretion, with-out affixing an exact dollar amount to pay for advertising in the Independent for the Veterans Benefits Expo. Using the lowest rate available. To allot more she must make a request to the Exec Board.**
- e. Senior Vice and Honor Guard Commander Coyle is running out of Ceremonial Rifles used at the graveside and other locations. Presently 50% are out of commission. Confirming the post is responsible for repair up to a specific amount. They were taken to an Armorer or Gunsmith at Shooters World in Phoenix, for repair. The armorer charges \$80 per hour. Because of our need, it was decided to get them repaired using funds donated to the Honor guard. **A request was made to the Exec Board and approved to use their funds. With a stipulation, we could ask for additional Post Funds if needed.**

7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

- a. The massing of the Colors, Palm Ridge Rec Center, 11:30 Feb 25,2020
- b. Volunteering for the BBQ Challenge on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- c. PPC Berger will interview girls for Girls State Wed. 0800, at West View High School. Three will be selected.

8. Closing Prayer offered by Chaplain Hunter

9. Senior Vice Commander Jack Coyle closed the meeting at 11:10.

JAMES M HELLER  
ADJUTANT