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SUBJECT: Jul 2, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1000. Open ritual completed. Commander provided zoom meeting administrative remarks and introduced Paul Van Rooy who had agreed to be our Post Chaplain.
2. ROLL CALL: All Officers and Trustees present except: Service Officer (A), Trustees Huffman (E) and Metzger (E), and Past Post Commanders Bogatko (E) and Stern (E). Twenty-three members attended, and a quorum was met.
3. MINUTES: Minutes of Jun 4th meeting were approved as distributed.
4. OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - a. Senior Vice Commander:
    - I. Membership Incentive plan was approved by Executive Committee, effective immediately (Enclosure 2), dues go up to \$40 effective January 1st; working on getting Post 100 members to transfer to our Post.
    - II. Honor Guard at National seven (7) days in Jul.
  - b. Junior Vice Commander: Upcoming event planning "somewhat on hold" pending COVID developments; planning meetings needed to fill in details as restrictions change.
  - c. Adjutant: Membership renewals are starting to come in; new membership cards are on hand. Our internal goal is to reach or exceed 100% before Jan 1<sup>st</sup>; applications include online renewal procedures.
  - d. Finance Officer: May 1-29 report showed income of \$240 and disbursements of \$404; Current fund balance is \$21,474. The Finance Officer's report was approved as presented subject to review and will be maintained by the Adjutant.
  - e. Chaplain: Passing this month: Sid Metzger, Budd Armstrong, Jim Johnson's wife; be sure to notify Chaplain Van Rooy if you know of any member or family needing assistance.

f. Trustees: Nothing to report.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a. Meeting schedule: General consensus was to not have any face-to-face meetings but will continue Zoom meetings at least until the first of the year.

b. What can District 11 do for us? Clarified the question's intent which is to find ideas for our higher headquarters might help individual Posts be better or more fully support the Legion Programs.

c. Finance Officer Laptop and transition: Complete and operational.

d. Upcoming Post Events:

I. Fall picnic, 10/24: Still planning to have it at this time.

II. Fall PCB, 11/3: Junior Vice will get some members to help work out potential details IF we find the room and other restrictions would allow the PCB. Also discussed asking local businesses to help us out with donations if the PCB is cancelled.

III. Christmas Luncheon, 12/12: Still planning to have it at this time; Briarwood has been reserved; still need someone to lead the planning effort.

IV. Veteran's Benefit Expo, 1/28/21: Only tentative give COVID.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Buddy Checks: Asked for volunteers to make another round of calls to fellow Legionnaires to check on their well-being.

b. Virtual Townhall: We were approached about hosting a virtual townhall for one of the candidates for Arizona State Senator. General consensus of the group was not to waste our time for this type of event.

c. Fundraising: Commander Leighton asked for input on possible events/actions we could undertake to replace the money lost by not having the fall pancake breakfast income.

d. Blood Drive: Department wants each Post to sponsor at least one blood drive this year. Some discussion about how we could set it up, reservation/check-in

control, Post liability concern, which blood bank would be using. General consensus was to move forward to get the details and to host one drive.

e. Boy Scouts: One of the District 11 Commander's goal is to have each post in the District sponsor a Scout unit. To be a sponsoring organization, our requirement would be to allow the Scouts periodically brief us on what they have been doing or have accomplished.

f. Does anyone have any additional new business? None.

7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION: None.

8. CLOSING CEREMONIES: Meeting closed per ritual.

9. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 1055.

For God and Country

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