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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**August 6, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by First Vice- Commander Pat Farrell at 6:30 P.M. The standard opening ceremony was conducted.

Adjutant Allen Iott called the roll of Officers and Executive Committee members. Called for a quorum were:

Post Officers: Post Executive Committee Members:

1. Commander, Albert Mireles Jr Excused 1. Carlos Salazar Present
2. 1st Vice Commander, Pat Farrell Present 2. Eddie Garcia Present
3. 2nd Vice Commander Michael Knott Present 3. Louie Gomez Absent
4. Judge Advocate, Anthony A. Arnold Present 4. Robert Villagran Present
5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott Present 5. Laleche Seay Absent
6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez Present
7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello Absent
8. Historian, VACANT
9. Sgt-At-Arms, Robert Anton Present
10. Asst Sgt-At-Arms, Daniel Rodriguez Present

11. Chaplain, VACANT

Quorum was present to conduct business.

General Membership minutes were handed out to the membership present prior to the meeting. Motion was presented by Dan Almendarez and seconded by Robert Anton to approve minutes. Motion was voted upon and passed.

The following members were voted in: new members: Eduardo Oviedo (USAF/Vietnam); Steven Sano (USA/GWOT); Jose Escobedo (USA/Vietnam); Mario G. Mercado (USA/Vietnam); Henry Ramirez (USN/Vietnam); Ted Johnson (USN/Gulf War); Charles Munoz (USAF/Vietnam); Albert Hernandez (USMC/Vietnam); Barney Cissel Jr (USA/Gulf War) and Post Transfers: Richard Chavarria, TX Post 345 and Christopher Redman, TX Post 300. Motion by Michael Knott and seconded by Todd Griffin to accept the members into Alamo Post 2. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**First Vice Commander** reported that the Post renewal as of 8/6/24 is 306 members.

There will be a fundraiser 0n 8 August, dinner, and dance with cost $30.00 per person with meal from 1800 to 2000 hrs and dance until 2300 with the proceeds to the POW/MIA Fund.

**Second Vice Commander** reported that the focus has shifted from Boys State to the Oratorical contest in November to December.

**Finance Officer** Reported that the balance of the General/Enterprise fund is $8,706.36 and the balance in the building fund is $6,097.25. He also reported that the Scout Fund is $725.00.

He also reported on the Red, White, Blue Dance with the proceeds going to the Post Veteran Emergency Relief Fund: Revenue from Ticket Sales of $1,770.00 and the following expenditures of $1,575.00 (band-$1,200.00; Security-$225.00; Cleaning-$150.00) with a profit of $195.00 going into the Post Veteran Emergency Relief Fund. He also presented the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission Sales tax for the month of July 2024: Mixed Beverage Sales Tax in the amount of $1,307.87 and Mixed Beverage Gross Receipts tax in the amount of $870.40.

**Adjutant** reported that Membership 2024 was an extreme success, The Post achieved 100% in membership, the Auxiliary achieved 100% and the SAL Squadron achieved 100% which is the first time in recent history. In addition, 20th District attained 100% and th4 the Department of Texas achieved 100% for the first time in 12 years.

**Chaplain:** No report

**Judge Advocate** No report.

**Post Service Officer:** No report.

**Historian** No report

Standing Committees:

**Building and House Committee Chairman**: reported that the new signage will begin once the electricity is secured to the current sign. It will have 18 computer screens on each side.

The flooring for the ballroom is on site but the installation has been delayed.

There are some bids available for the parking lot and will be considered.

**Budget and Finance Committee Chairman** No report

**Color Guard:** The color guard will participate in the opening ceremony of the Texas Puro Vida Awards program at the Tobin Center

**Scouting:**  The Scouts will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on 5 October 2024 from 0900-1200

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL):** No report

**Legion Rider Chairman** No report

**Public Affairs/Hubmaster Committee Chairman No report.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Adjutant Allen Iott and seconded by Suzzie Thomas to donate $100.00 for a hole at the Annual 20th District Golf Tournament on 15 September with all proceeds going to the funding of transportation of Texas Boys State Statesmen from the 20th District.

Motion made by Adjutant Allen Iott and seconded by Todd Griffin to donate $100.00 to Our Community Salutes for presentation of sashes to those High School Seniors graduating and enlisting in the Armed Forces.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

There will be a Medicare seminar on 6 September in conjunction with the Fish Fry with Medal of Honor Recipient Doc Ballard at 4 pm.

Carlos Mendez reminded members to complete the basic training of The American Legion to familiarize themselves in the history and the significance of the Four Pillars: Rehabilitation of Veterans, Children and Youth, Americanism, and National Defense.

From The American Legion National Commander: “The American Legion is a family . organization that is changing lives through our programs and saving lives by welcoming veterans and helping those hurt. Be the One!”

Reminder to all members of the Post of what the Four Pillars and programs of the American Legion are about. The Post is not a bar or dance hall. We need these activities to fund these programs. Remember who we are and the mission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chaplain offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned by the First Vice- Commander at 1930 hours.

Prepared by:

Allen Iott Alamo Post 2 Adjutant