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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**January 3, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by Commander Albert Mireles Jr 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 Present 1. Carlos Salazar Present
2. 1st Vice Commander, Pat Farrell Present 2. Al Anderson Present
3. 2nd Vice Commander Michael Knott Present 3. Hermlinda Zavala Absent
4. Judge Advocate, Ricardo Munoz Present 4. Debra Sackett Absent
5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott Present 5. Andrea Ortiz Absent
6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez Present
7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello Absent
8. Historian, Dan Almendarez Absent
9. Sgt-At-Arms, Todd Griffin Present
10. Asst Sgt-At-Arms, Daniel Rodriguez Absent

11. Chaplain, Yehoshua Huerta Excused

Quorum was present to conduct business.

General Membership minutes and Executive Committee minutes were handed out to the membership present prior to the meeting. Motion was presented by Todd Griffin and seconded by Raul Buentello to approve minutes. Motion was voted upon and passed.

The following members were voted in as New Members: Steven J. Keough (USN/GWOT); Juan M. Ramirez (USN/Vietnam and the following Post transfers: John Swoboda, TX Post 345, William J. Stiefuater, VA Post 141 and Ken Ortensie, TX Post 345. Motion by Allen Iott and seconded by Todd Griffin to accept the new members into Alamo Post 2. Motion passed.

The following guest was present at the meeting: Jose Arzola, Commander of GI Forum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

**First Vice Commander** reported that there are 542 renewals which is 85% of the 2024 membership goal of 674.

**Second Vice Commander** reported the 20th District Post Oratorical contest will be held on 6 January 2024 at Alamo Post 2 at 0830. The next program on the docket is TX Boys State.

**Finance Officer** reported the balance in the General fund is $19,486.57 and the building fund of $19,353.34 as of 3 January 2024.

He presented a review of the business for the month of December with total monthly revenue of $18,027.84 with total monthly expenditures of $16,101.90 leaving a monthly balance of $1,925.84. He also presented an analysis for the 2023 year with a total revenue of $284,606.60 and total expenditures of $270,715.87 leaving a balance of $13,890.73. The previous year-end balance for 2022 of $7,710.20 leaving a balance at the end of 2023 of $21,600.93.

He also invited anyone who wanted to look over the books to just make an appointment.

Motion presented by Carlos Mendez and seconded by Todd Griffin to approve the financial report pending and audit/review. Motion was voted on and passed.

**Adjutant** reported that the email will go out to those with email and a mail-out for those without email addresses to inform the membership of the upcoming vote on Post dues at the February General meeting and also to remind the membership of the General meeting change from the first Wednesday to the first Tuesday of the month effective the March general meeting.

He also reminded the membership of the upcoming Department of Texas Mid-Winter conference held in Austin.

**Chaplain:** Irene Rodriguez, Annie Iott, Albert, and Dee Mireles are sick.

**Judge Advocate** No report.

**Post Service Officer:** No report.

**Historian** No report

Standing Committees:

**Building and House Committee Chairman:** Work is being done in throughout the various places of the Post. The carpet was replaced outside the ballroom, the front entrance and outside the canteen.

The floor in the ballroom will be replaced for free but for cost of material.

Currently have two bids on the parking lot and are waiting for a third bid.

**Budget and Finance Committee Chairman** No report

**Color Guard No Report**

**Scouting:**  Reported that Troop 262 from Flower Mound, TX will be “camping” at the Post on 13 January with 50 scouts and 12 adults.

**Sons of the American Legion (SAL):** Ne report

**Legion Rider Chairman** reported that the ALR are meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and currently have 8 members and growing. Their signature charity event changed from the Legacy fund to the Veteran/Children Welfare Foundation.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Looking at resurrecting an old fundraiser brick buying to be laid in the center grass area near the guns and flag poles.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Todd Griffin and seconded by Carlos Salazar to move the Post General Meeting to the first Tuesday of the month effective the March general meeting scheduled for 5 March 2024. Motion passed.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

Bingo license approved and will be used by Eisenhauer Bingo hall.

There was discussion of a Queen of Hearts lottery/raffle which falls under TX bingo rules. There will be more research on subject.

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 Commander at 1933 hours.

Prepared by:

Allen Iott Alamo Post 2 Adjutant