

MINUTES
Fred E. Hayes Post 57
Department of Washington
The American Legion

October `15, 2020
Via Teleconference

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order in regular form via teleconference at 7:06 PM by Commander Gates. The Invocation was offered by Chaplain John Myers. The POW / MIA Empty Chair was recognized. The Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble was recited by all present.
2. **1900 Hour Toast:** The 1900 Hour Toast was offered by Mr. Davidson.
3. **Roll Call of Officers:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Gates, Commander <input type="checkbox"/> Dudley Brown, Vice Commander <input type="checkbox"/> Ricard Zook, Vice Commander <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Davidson, Adjutant / Finance <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicky Gates, Sgt-at-Arms <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Myers, Chaplain <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, PEC-man <input type="checkbox"/> Curt Nealen, PEC-man <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eddie Houser, Judge Advocate	<u>Guests:</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Auxiliary: <input type="checkbox"/> Other Guests: <input type="checkbox"/> Members: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quorum <input type="checkbox"/> No Quorum Mr. Nealen was excused due to another Commitment.
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4. **Approve Minutes of September 17, 2020 Meeting:**
Mr. Houser moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2020 Meeting. The Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Post Everlasting / Memorial to Departed Comrades:**
 - There were no reported deaths during the last month.
6. **Finance Report:** Adjutant Davidson reported the following:
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Checking (General) account balance is \$1,018.03.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union Savings (Programs) account balance is \$8,760.85.
 - Lower Valley Credit Union CD (Investments) account balance is \$26,333.86.
 - The Budget / Profit-Loss statement was circulated. The current year-to-date balance is -\$162.49.
 - The account registers were reviewed for income and expenditures. Vouchers were approved.***Ms. Gates moved with second by Mr. Myers to accept the Finance Report. The Motion was approved unanimously.***
7. **Adjutant's Report:**
 - **Membership:** The 2021 Goal is 90 members. Current paid membership is 50 (55.56% of Goal). Actual membership, including previously-paid transfers not counting for Goal is 50. Renewals and new member recruitment is behind where we were at this time last year.
 - **Communications:**
 - There have been no communications of note during the previous month.***Mr. Houser moved with second by Mr. Myers to approve the Adjutant's Report.***

The Motion was approved unanimously.

8. **Unfinished (Old) Business:**
 - **Post Executive Committeeman Vacancy.** Mr. Davidson reported he had forgotten to send out a notice of the vacancy and seeking volunteers to fill the remainder of the term. ***ACTION: Mr. Davidson will contact several Prosser members and see if they are willing to fill the unexpired term.***

9. **New Business:**
 - **Veterans Day SOS Brunch.** Due to continuing COVID restrictions, the scheduled Veterans Day Brunch for November 7th is cancelled.
 - **Area IV Christmas Party Donation.** The annual Area IV Christmas Party at the Walla Walla VA likely cannot be done due to a closed VA campus and visitor restrictions at the Nursing Home. It was suggested the Post continue with a donation to the Area IV fund. ***Mr. Myers moved with second by Ms. Gates to approve \$100.00 for the Area IV Christmas Party for 2020 or for any other need that may arise. The Motion was approved unanimously.***

10. **Balloting on New Applications / Renewal of Expired Members:**
 - There are no new members or transfers requiring action.

11. **Service Officer:** Chief Service Officer Davidson reported the following:
 - **Claims:**
 - Two claims are in progress and in the hands of the VA.
 - Two claims pending completion of paperwork.
 - No Health care requests are pending.
 - **Sick Call & Relief:**
 - Robert Doty – Previously hospitalized for heart issues, current status unknown.
 - **Employment:**
 - Posted a notice for Nuclear Security Guards at Energy Northwest on the Facebook page.

12. **Committee Reports:**
 - **Rehabilitation** (includes Veterans Affairs and Volunteer Services):
 - **National Security (includes Homeland Security):**
 - **Blood Drive:**
 - October 14th Drive yielded 26 units with 31 man hours
 - December 9th Drive has 19 of 30 slots pre-scheduled.
 - **Americanism:**
 - **Flag Box:** The Flag Box has been temporarily placed in the dining room of the Community Center. There has been no word back from the City regarding placement at the Police Station or City Hall. The Museum is interested in hosting the box. It does have drive-up access.
 - **Community Service and Post Activities** (includes Wreaths Across America):
 - **Wreaths Across America:** Sally Van Horn submitted a written report on current progress and upcoming activities for the Wreaths Across America campaign. There is a dedicated web page for the Grandview campaign. This will be publicized frequently.
 - **Little Free Library #89615:** The Legion sponsored Little Free Library at the Community Center is staying active and books are rotating through. Mr. Davidson has prepared some labels that may be inserted inside donated books to help advertise the service and perhaps eliminate donated books from being sold.
 - **Economic:** No report.

- **Membership and Publicity:** No report.
- **Boys State:** Packets should be received soon.
- **Children and Youth:**
 - **Scouts:** Recharter packets have been received. It is doubtful that the Cub Scout will be able to recharter due to lack of adults stepping up to lead dens. COVID restrictions have otherwise eliminated activity for Cubs. Both the boy and girl Troops should recharter without problems.
 - **Halloween Safety:** An article will be submitted to the local papers regarding Halloween Safety using Legion materials.
- **Law and Order:** No nominations have been received for the Public Safety Awards. The Adjutant will request nominations again.
- **Constitutional Speech:** Two Scouts from Troop 643 participated in a Zoom call about the Speech Contest. Both are excellent students. Neither one has yet submitted an application to participate.
- **Education:** No report.

13. **Good of the Legion:**

- There were no announcements.

14. **Next Regular Meeting.** The next regular Post meeting will be Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 PM.

15. **Adjournment:** With no other business before the Post, the POW / MIA Flag was retired, benediction was offered and the meeting was adjourned in regular form by Commander Gates at 8:04 PM.

James A. Davidson
Adjutant

Robert G. Gates
Commander

Date