

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2017

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Ellis, a quorum was present and office roll call was taken, with 30 members in attendance.

Commander presented Colleen Heck with a Certificate of Recognition from the National Commander

Guests:

- Ken Queen – Department Vice Commander Area B
 - Running for Department Vice Commander Area B
 - Gave a brief and interesting biography
 - Stated that membership is the life blood of this organization
- Dan Palmer
 - Congratulated our post for being at 98.5% and we are well ahead of everyone else
 - Area B is at 87.2%
 - Put a challenge out for the top recruiter for area B will get a free dinner and drinks, national commanders coin, and an article on how they did their recruiting in the Legionnaire. Will be recognized at the convention. Area A seems to be winning all the time. Let's get B as number 1!
- Jeffrey Varga – Senior Vice Post 35, Junior Shooting Sports Program (JSSP)
 - Gave a presentation on the JSSP
 - Looking for one more shooter, 2 coaches, and a range officer
 - Presented a 2 and 5 plan
 - Rifles run \$500-\$600

Minutes:

- Motion, second, voted, passed

Sr Vice Gray:

- New - 13
- Transfers - 6
- Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion, all passed
- 98.2%, 741 members

Jr Vice Grosch:

- Discussed the next 3 months
 - Package for troops coming up
 - 4 Chaplains coming up
- Kitchen report
 - Discussed kitchen report

Finance Officer Szabo:

- Went over finance report
 - Looking good
 - Moving from Wells Fargo to Chase Bank
- Reviewed by Sr Vice and approved. Motion, second, voted, passed

Service Officer Lane:

- New VA secretary that has been nominated. He will be the first secretary without military experience
- Camp Lejeune eligibility has been approved
- Provided information on severance pay taxing
- Discussed co-pay change

Chaplain Adamson:

- Don Shulton has walked on
- Clifford Nugent has walked on
- Vic Giles has walked on
- 12 Feb four chaplain's ceremony
- Thanked the Color Guard for supporting the Post Everlasting service

Color Guard:

- 25 Feb is Sacaton
- 24 Mar Posting colors
- Girl's Softball in March
- Come on out and see what the Color Guard does for our post.

Committee Reports:

- Packages for troops
 - 5 Mar dinner for those who purchased stars or come on over and support them through your donations
- Queen of Hearts
 - Doing good

Old Business:

- Bingo
 - Town approved bingo
 - We paid all fees
 - Wants to start 5 Mar every Sunday
 - Wants to purchase a banner to advertise the event, this is open to civilians
 - He would like some other callers
 - AZ department of revenue says we have to open a bingo account, which we have
 - \$2000.00 should be a good opening amount for the account
 - Already bought a bingo machine and need to buy some other stuff
 - Motion to offer \$2000 to fund the bingo account, seconded, discussion, not passed, this will be moved to the E-board for research and decision
- Front renovation

- Need to contact the subcontractors to get stuff moved out of the way
- Final review process, hoping to draw permits by 1 Mar
- Estimate of \$60,000.00 to do the front
- Take from 6-8 weeks to do the construction
- Motion to put \$60,000.00 forward for the renovation, Seconded, discussion on if a contingency is in this value, passed
- Amendment to previous to \$70,000.00 for furniture to be added and for the funds to come out of our investments, seconded, no more discussion, passed!

New Business:

- Ostrich festival
 - Discussed a booth at the festival
 - Receive donations and give them to Mary Ellen's Place. This is for homeless female veterans
 - Motion for \$175.00 as participants at the festival, deferred to the E-board
- Flags for First Graders
 - Presentation of flags to the youth
 - If you are interested in getting involved, see Fred

Good of the Legion:

- Ken King – District 11 Commander
 - Discussed the various organizations that he is involved in
 - He would like to get involved with us and other posts in our district
 - 23 Feb he is working on a baseball game at Grand Canyon University, were veterans will be allowed to watch for free
 - He would like to be a resource of information and support us
 - Let's open the lines of communication out to everyone
- Nominations next month
 - Start of nominations next month
 - Put your name in if you are interested
- June summer conference is now in Carefree
 - Make your reservations now. They are almost out
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Adjourned at 1916