

American Legion Post 39
Gilbert Arizona
General Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Ellis, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 33 members in attendance.

Guests:

- Addison and Brianna from Post 138, looking to transfer in
- Ken Queen
 - Running for Department of Commander
 - Handed out pamphlets
 - Talked about how membership is so important and how it has been dwindling over the past years
 - Talked about how the majority of our programs focus on the youth and that we need to do more for the adult members
 - Talked about doing more for homeless vets, and female vets

Minutes:

- Motion, second, voted, passed

Sr Vice Grosch:

- New members –4, Transfer – 7
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed
- Discussion of a potential member was held, motion is to not accept this person's application, seconded, passed

Jr Vice Borodin:

- Discussed the calendar
 - 17 Nov – Gilbert Days
 - 1 Dec – Packages for Troops 0900-1200
 - 15 Dec – 40/8 Christmas party
- Kitchen report
 - Discussed kitchen report
 - \$250 range down to date but expect to make it back

Finance Officer Heck:

- We are now starting to pay off some of our fire expenses
- Discussed the Oct expenses but this will be updated once we get the insurance money
- Reviewed by Sr Vice. Motion to accept pending audit, seconded, passed

Service Officer Heck:

- 2 Gulf war, 2 Viet Nam, and 3 widow calls
- A group visited the US Vets and it was a good visit
- Attended Service Officer training in Tucson

Chaplain Adamson:

- Thomas Reynolds passed away
- Roger Ronk also passed away

Color Guard:

- Discussed the list of events that the Color Guard is doing
- We are looking for new members
- We are also looking for help to put the new Flags for Gilbert road together, so keep your eyes and ears open for when that will happen

Committee Reports:

- Building report – down to 2 repairs left. Solicited a proposal for removal of the concrete and put in a proper patio. That came in at ~\$13,000. The patio comes out of our pockets. Motion to redo the patio at \$13,000, seconded, discussion ensued on selling bricks to offset the cost, Julio will get with more information, passed
- Suggestion box – Is now closed
- Queen of Hearts – doing good, \$2500 and going
- Bingo - doing great
- 50/50 – Keeping the money in Gilbert school system for the Boys State
- Gilbert Days – Parade starts at 0830, looking for an experienced cotton candy maker, see Leslie
- Flags for First Graders will be starting again soon

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Brad will look into light rental for 7 Dec
- If you have anybody that is interested in a Christmas tree, see Ernie. He is in contact with someone that is donating the trees for free and they will be delivered to the person's home
- 8 Nov is the Veterans ceremony at the Civic center
- Policy on dogs sitting at the bar – tabled to the E-Board
- Dave Grey told his story about bringing his parents to AZ. He expressed his thanks and his mom's thanks to our post

Good of the Legion:

- Incident last Friday when someone trying to do well posted pictures on facebook. Some of these pictures were inappropriate for FB. Please think before you post.
- The American Legion College is a good thing to go to. The \$50 fee for attending is paid by the post. The only thing you would have to pay is the cost of the hotel.
- Brad is looking for input on dates for some events he knows are there but has no information about it. So please give your information to Brad
- The lending ladies were here again with information and trivia
- On 11 Nov Bells of Peace is asking everyone to ring bells of peace 21 times at 1100 local time. There is also an app that will help you to do this.

Adjourned at 1908