

American Legion Post 39  
Gilbert Arizona  
General Meeting Minutes  
Dec 3, 2019

Meeting convened at 1800 by Commander Ellis, a quorum was present and officer roll call was taken, with 19 members in attendance.

**Guests:**

- **Bob Burns – Veteran Coalition Director (Convention of States)**
  - Looking for Volunteers to put together a larger meeting to expand the message: take back some of the rights the federal government has taken, term limits, balance the budget. Takes 31 states – 15 have signed on.
  - Vets understand that freedom isn't free. 2,640,000 military out of 350 million people (less than 1% of the population).

**Minutes:**

- Motion, Table to table August mins until Oct (now Dec), second, voted, passed.
- Motion to accept August and November minutes, second, voted, passed.

**Vice Grosch:**

- New members – 12 / 7 Transfers
- Total new membership so far is over 50%.
- Motion to accept all these folks into our Post, seconded, passed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Borodin: Sr Vice Grosch presented)**

- Discussed the calendar
  - 7 Dec – Packages for Troops – 0900
  - 7 Dec – USS Arizona Flag 1200
  - 14 Dec – Aux Christmas Décor Party – 1200-1600
  - 14 Dec – Motorcycle Escort bringing toys 1900
  - 18 Dec – Comedian Jim Perry – 1900
  - 19 Dec – Gift Wrapping Party 1730
  - 21 Dec – Kids Christmas Party
  - 27 Jan – Blood Drive 1200 - 1700
- Kitchen report
  - Discussed kitchen report
  - Total Income for Nov - \$934.00
  - Expenses - \$1021.24
  - Profit/Loss YTD: \$(508.18)

**Finance Officer Olson:**

- Discussed the finances – Motion to accept the finance report. Motion to table Finances to November.

Report Details:

On the Asset Position Report:

1. November was the end of our FY 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter. The report shows the three months (plus August and May for the calculations) of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and summaries for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and the first half of our fiscal year which ends on May 31, 2020.
2. Legion Checking decrease for the month was due to moving Program, Queen of Hearts and Insurance monies to Savings.
3. The Club balance includes the Lottery account
4. Gaming is down for the half year due to a Bingo payment to Legion Checking in June.
5. Our investments had a gain of almost \$3,500 for the month. Investments are down for the quarter and year due to a change in investment strategy and payments to Legion Checking.

On the Income and Expense detail report:

1. I have the complete details by month for the first half of FY2020 on paper. I will share with anyone who wishes to see them. I will not make copies.
2. Reminder from last month: Our cleaning maintenance will be going from \$1,175 a month to \$1,295 a month due to the increase in Arizona Minimum Wage. This cost is part of Building, Repair and Maintenance (R&M) costs.
3. There is a second page with details for Programs, Queen of Hearts and Lottery (which includes both the Lottery account and the transfers of funds from the Legion Checking account).

Pie-charts

1. There are four pie charts this month. Two income charts (November 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> Half FY2020). Two Expense charts (November 2019 and 1<sup>st</sup> Half FY2020).

If anyone has a suggestion for a way to show our finances and the changes over time, please let me know.

Motion to accept the Finance Report pending review and approval from Finance Committee. Seconded, Passed.

**Service Officer:**

- No info – Excused.

**Chaplain Adamson:**

**HEALTH & SICKNESS:**

- Patrick Marchione (Legion) has been released from the ICU unit but no visitors yet please. There is an anticipated move to a rehab facility after his hospital release.
- Jim Borodin's (Legion) mother has continuing issues with her initial cancer diagnosis.
- John Curley (Legion) has had the rehabilitation process moved back to his home after suffering a stroke.
- Linda Collins (Aux) has been entered into palliative care

**SERVICE BIRTHDAYS**

ARMY	JUNE 14	COAST GUARD	AUGUST 04
AIR FORCE	SEPTEMBER 18	NAVY	OCTOBER 13
MARINES	NOVEMBER 10		

**NEWS:**

- 07 Dec Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 07 Dec Box filling for **Packages for Troops** at 9AM at Post. Come join the camaraderie just like last year!
- 21 Dec First day of Winter
- 22 Dec Hanukkah begins at sundown
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 26 Dec Kwanzaa begins
- 30 Dec Hanukkah ends at sundown
- 31 Dec NEW YEAR'S EVE.

#### Color Guard:

- Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – USS Arizona Flag in-coming (1200)
- Dec 14 – Color Guard is Guest of Honor at Hospice

#### Committee Reports:

- Gilbert Days –
- Queen of Hearts – doing good. Over \$4100.
- 50/50 – Half for Packages for Troops/half for Christmas for Kids.
  - Packages for Troops 12/7 from (0900-1200). Selling Stars and Hearts – we have @ \$3100. Would like to do 150 packages.
- Bingo – going really well.
- Kids for Christmas – Receiving toys, jackets from Hospice which will be given to Vets/families. NAPA guy has 250 toys to donate to us.

#### Old Business:

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#### New Business:

- Bob Green made a motion to spend \$400 to buy an Electric recliner for a lady in the community who is having a leg amputated. Gilbert resident.
  - Seconded, voted and passed.
- Motion that profits from 50/50 go to Boys State. Seconded, voted and approved.
- Motion to donate \$200 for kids at Gilbert Elementary School for Lunch Money. Goes into the Lunch fund. Amendment to motion to donate \$300. Seconded, voted, passed.
- Commander has Raffle Tickets District 12 Rehabilitation Dinner on Saturday, Feb 1, 2020. One Ticket for \$15.00

#### Good of the Legion:

- Fishing trip for 2020 (Bob Greene) in B.C.
- **Preamble has changed from “the Great Wars” to “All Wars”.**
- **National President of Aux will be in Phoenix – dinner at Post 41 – Jan 9<sup>th</sup>**
- **Push the American Legion College (Brad)**

**Adjourned at 1850**