

American Legion Post 341

Membership Meeting January 8, 2018

Opening Ceremonies:

At 1830 hours, Commander Jean Meacham called the Post meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were led by Commander Meacham, with the Pledge of Allegiance, an opening prayer by Chaplain Norvil Lantz, and the group's recitation of the Preamble to the Legion's Constitution and Bylaws. The roll call of officers was performed, and the minutes of the November meeting were reviewed briefly by the Adjutant. A correction was made to the November minutes and they were accepted by voice vote.

Commander Meacham announced the new Service Officer would report for the first time to the Post on January 9, between 9 and 9:45 am. Meacham indicated the Service Officer, Leigh Howerton is looking forward to meeting our members but would appreciate members making appointments with her so she can be prepared for their meetings.

Adjutant's Report:

Adjutant Naught reviewed the current state of membership renewals. At the present the Post has 752 members on the rolls to renew minus 47 Paid Up For Life members. We had 356 members already renewed leaving 349 more to complete the process.

Finance Officer's Report:

Finance Officer Chelstrom reported a January operating balance of \$3,954.00 . He indicated the electric bill had yet to be paid from these funds. Chelstrom stated the mortgage balance was down to \$258,140.00.

Chelstrom indicated December had been a good month financially because of the number parties hosted at the Post. He also reviewed the new \$6,000.00 loan which had been arranged with Arvest Bank at an interest rate below 3 percent. It is anticipated the new, electronic sign will be installed and in use within the next 30 days. Kudos to all involved in the purchase and especially to Pat O'Brien who has stewarded the project from its beginning.

Chelstrom related his discussions with Arvest gave him positive feelings our 5-year note will be renewed at its current rate or possibly slightly lower. Chelstrom closed by indicating the last six months for the Post were the best ever with Sales exceeding \$100,000 producing a 37% profit margin.

This would be admirable for commercial food and beverage operations. Members can review the entire financial statement on the bulletin board outside the Post's Office.

Unfinished Business – There being no old business discussions proceeded to New Business.

New business:

Tom Meacham announced planning was beginning for the Post Golf Tournament in June. He announced it would be held June 2nd at the Kingsland Course. He indicated he was seeking volunteers for planning and conduct of the tournament. He also related it was time to begin contacting individuals and businesses for the \$100-hole sponsorships.

Commander Meacham announced Ying Ling beer would be served in the bar in the very near future. She related January's Post Breakfast will be held on Saturday, January 13, between 8 and 10 am. As always, volunteers are needed to support this important Post function.

She announced the Valentine's Day Party and Dance would be held February 10, and tickets would be \$15 per person. Tickets will be going on sale in the very near future.

Meacham finalized her comments by indicating the next Executive Committee Meeting would be held February 5th and the General Membership Meeting on February 12, 2018.

Members were questioned whether any further new business needed to be discussed. None were raised.

Closing Ceremonies:

There being no further business, closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz at approximately 1915 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Adjutant

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