

## **American Legion Post 341**

### **Membership Meeting September 12, 2017**

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

At 1830 hours, Commander Jean Meacham called the Post meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were led by Commander, Jean Meacham, with the Pledge of Allegiance, an opening prayer by the Chaplain Norvil Lantz, and the recitation of the Legion Preamble. The roll call of officers was performed and the minutes of the previous meeting were performed by the Adjutant.

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

The Finance Officer was unavailable for the meeting so the Adjutant reviewed the Post's financial information reporting the Post was financially fine this month.

Commander Meacham then opened the floor for new business. During this period, the following topics were reviewed:

1. The Oktoberfest is going to be held September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Mike Montes asked members to invite friends and neighbors. He passed out flyers for members to use to invite people to the event. The alcoholic menu was discussed to include an assortment of German beers.

Blue wrist bands will be distributed for guests who are over 21. The bands will also admit wearers to the evening dance on Saturday.

2. Meacham stated the Auxiliary will be preparing the food for the event.
3. As always, volunteers are needed to assure the function's success.

The Commander disclosed a new refrigerator had to be purchased when the main one in the kitchen failed. A new double door refrigerator was purchased for \$2,400.00. The Legion borrowed \$1,200.00 from the sign fund and will repay it at the rate of \$200.00 per month beginning in September. The freezer mate for the failed refrigerator from the kitchen was moved to the closet in the meeting room.

The Commander announced Mike Montes had pressure washed the outside memorial garden area. She also encouraged everyone to purchase their bricks to complete the garden and discuss potential purchases with others.

The Commander stated the Executive Committee meets on the first Monday of the month and the House Committee meets regularly on Wednesdays of most weeks. She invited any members who desired to attend one or both meetings to come at their convenience.

The Commander asked for more volunteers to provide security for the Craft Fair in October.

Three presentations were made during the meeting. These were:

1. Jr. Auxiliary member Elizabeth Lamey reviewed a plan to have "Wreaths Across America" and is seeking the Post be a partner with their organization in their quest for \$25,000.00 in 2018. She indicated she is meeting with Walmart to enlist their participation in the fund raising.
2. Julie Hull is creating a "connection bag." This item will be backed by the city of Bella Vista to provide newcomers information about the area, POA, other organizations and services in the surrounding area. A motion was passed to include an advertising piece from the Post.
3. Kim Davis from the Gravette School System made a request for the Post to support their finding for four usable printers for the System's Special Education program for confidentiality among their students.

Adjutant, Don Naught, reported we currently have 752 members on the Post's rolls. Of the 752 members 280 have paid their 2018 membership dues thus far. We have 47 PUFL members leaving 430 members on the rolls to renew their memberships by December 31, 2017.

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz at approximately 1930 hours.

Respectfully submitted by Adjutant

*Don Naught*