

## **General Membership Meeting**

**Willard E. "Rocky" Glidewell Post 341, Department of Arkansas**

**August 10, 2020**

### **Minutes**

After opening ceremonies, Commander Jacob Greeling called the meeting to order. The Roll Call of the Officers was taken, with all present.

The minutes of last month's meeting were accepted as posted.

Jim Heath introduced a guest, his neighbor, Bill Dorcik, who is an Air Force veteran. Mr. Dorcik is a relatively new arrival to Arkansas, from California. We did not have any other new members or guests.

Membership: Alice Smith reported approximately 200 members, of which 61 are PUFLs. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Brad Kennell is to send invites to Post 1000 members who live in Bella Vista.

Finance: Greg Helle reported that, as of today, we have a checking account balance of \$5752, which includes the funds for the reserve account of \$3825. The maintenance fund has \$3782, the restricted building fund \$15035, and veterans fund \$4568. The primary expenses now are the mortgage payment of \$1900 and electricity of \$3-400 per month. At this time, we can last about 8 months with the remaining funds. At this point, the only source of income are memberships. The motion to approve was made and seconded; motion carried.

Sale of Building: Pat O'Brien reported that the broker has had a few companies express interest, mostly through the commercial realty website. (We owe ~ \$214,000 on the mortgage.)

### **Unfinished Business:**

Herrick Memorial: People who have bricks at the memorial may pick them up, as the Veterans Wall of Honor is against moving the memorial to their site. The Bella Vista Cemetery manager would accept the memorial, but we would need a stone mason, etc. for moving and installation.

Reducing our inventory: Terry Boyle, Pat O'Brien, Jeff Vermurlen, and the Auxiliary have been instrumental in reducing the inventory through sales to members (liquor inventory) and general housecleaning.

New By-Laws: Judge Advocate Fay Ryan posted the proposed by-laws on the website last month. Fortunately, enough members were present to form a quorum so they could be voted on this month. Terry Boyle made, and Don Naught seconded, a motion to accept the Bylaws as posted. After some discussion, the motion passed. The Adjutant will send a copy of the by-laws to the Department of Arkansas.

Flag Retirement Ceremony: Was a great success! Many flags both great and small were retired. A big thank you goes to the Meachams for their hospitality in providing a great venue for the ceremony.

**New Business:**

Commander Jake Greeling proposed several new committees, including an Americanism Committee (conduct flag education at schools, interface with scout troops, promote Boys State, and possibly Junior Shooting Sports with 4H), Color Guard (to post colors at various events), and an official Membership Committee (to promote Legion membership at various public venues such as the county fair, and to promote awareness of valuable American Legion efforts on behalf of veterans). Please email Jake ([greeling@cox.net](mailto:greeling@cox.net)) with your interest in serving on these committees.

Pat O'Brien requested help in moving three (!) old refrigerators to the trash pick-up site so that the city could collect them on big item pick-up day August 14.

A member brought up the importance of participating in the United States Census.

The raffle for 50/50 tickets was held, with the winning member turning the cash won back to the Post.

After closing ceremonies, Commander Jacob Greeling declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Smith, Adjutant