

**American Legion Post 341  
Membership Meeting July 10, 2017**

**Opening Ceremonies**

At 1830 hours, Commander Jean Meacham called the meeting to order. Opening ceremonies were conducted with the Pledge of Allegiance. The opening prayer was given by Norvil Lantz. The POW/MIA Ceremony was conducted by 2nd Vice Commander Jeff Vermurlen.

**Roll Call of Officers**

Present were:

Commander: Jean Meacham  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: Fay Ryan  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Jeff Vermurlen  
Adjutant: Don Naught  
Finance Officer: John Chelstrom  
Chaplain: Norvil Lantz  
Sgt-at-Arms: James Johns  
Judge Advocate: Gene Rogers  
Executive Committeeman: Pat O'Brien  
Legion Riders Director: Ed Hardesty  
Past Post Commanders:  
Norvil Lantz  
John Chelstrom

Absent were:

Executive Committeeman:  
Armando Martinex  
David Winchell

New member Elijah Bratkeen was introduced to the members.

A total of 31 members, including above noted officers were present.

**Previous meeting minutes from June** were approved as written and they are posted on the Post's website.

**Correspondence:**

There was correspondence to report.

**Unfinished business:**

The Commander reported there is still a need for members to sign up as Duty Officers. Sign up rosters are posted on the restaurant's bulletin board.

**Committee reports:****Membership report:**

- Membership volunteer hours were requested from the attendees and members.
- Naught reported he had made an error sending out some membership cards prematurely. He indicated the error would be corrected as those members paid their dues throughout 2017.

**Finance Report:**

- John Chelstrom reviewed the monthly financial statement.
- Chelstrom reported the final statement for the end of the year is still not completed because there are still some outstanding bills.
- June's report with backup will be posted outside the office for all to review.

**House Committee:**

- Pat O'Brien and Fay Ryan completed emptying the outdoor shed. As a result, another refrigerator will be able to be placed in this area.
- Pat Obrien has completed rearranging the liquor room.
- The Post cook has made very good progress rearranging the kitchen to reduce any possible clutter.
- The outdoor grill will be cleaned, new gas tubes and burners will be installed to prepare it for Oktoberfest.
- During 8/14 General Meeting the Post will host a hamburger and hot dog dinner for the Boy's and Girl's State attendees the Post supported.

**Bylaws changes:**

All three bylaw changes were voted upon and passed without any dissenting votes. These included:

- The formal name change of the Post.
- Lowering the number of members required at meetings for a quorum. The new number is 20 members.
- Changing officially the General Meeting night from the second Tuesday to the second Monday of each month.

**Other business:**

- The Commander distributed cards to members in attendance who need to contact the Veterans Service Officer, Casey Chenowith. He prefers members to make appointments so he can be better prepared for their meetings.
- The Commander introduced the company Salute, Inc. which sponsors events to generate funds to support veterans.

**For the Good of the Legion:**

- Entries for August's Newsletter must be submitted to Kathy Jeffries before the last week of July.

- The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 7, 2017.
- A presentation was made to the membership by Leonard Eisert about Marshall Saynor. This presentation was directed to the value and effect Saynor had brought to him personally , the community, and the Post. Eisert believes an article should be written and published about Saynor in the national magazine.

**Closing:**

Closing ceremonies were conducted by Commander Meacham and Chaplain Lantz. The meeting was adjourned at 19:20 hours.

Respectfully Submitted by

*Don Naught*

Post Adjutant