



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN LEGION
POST NO. 66 DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

COMPILED BY Ramona Hedges, Post Adjutant

October 4, 2023

OPENED: 1830

OFFICERS: Mario Perez, Ramona Hedges,

MEMBERS: David Glidden, Bill Fieldhouse, Greg Somers, Barbara Fisher, Betty Bristol, Carol, Laurie Richards

TOTAL: 9, quorum reached.

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Invocation: Greg Somers

Moment of Silence: For Post Everlasting, POW/MIA's, and those serving our County

Pledge of Allegiance

Legion Preamble

Opening Statement: Mario Perez

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Monthly Membership meeting of September 6, 2023, as distributed via email on October 4, 2023.

MOTION: to approve the October 4, 2023, draft minutes by Bill Fieldhouse, seconded by David Glidden. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None

OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice Commander (Yvonne Hampton)

None

2nd Vice Commander (Mario Perez)

Will report in Community Outreach

Junior Past Commander (Yvonne Hampton)

None

Adjutant (Ramona Hedges)

Assigned Membership: as of 9-29-23 Ca Legion.Org report: Current number of members: 181.

Transfers: 0

New Member(s): 0

Communications

Dept. of California letter received regarding Post 66 vote on the proposed Department Bylaw requiring the permanent name change of a Commission of the Dept. of California, to read "Boys and Girls State" and strike "Boys State".

MOTION: by Greg Somers, and seconded by David Glidden to allow this name to be permanently changed to read "Boys and Girls State". Discussion had. Motion passed with 1 opposition.

Sick Call

Chuck Emery, Randy Arseneau, George Galvan, and John Buckley.

Post Everlasting

**Please advise if any of you know of anyone who has gone to the Post Everlasting.*

Finance Officer

Checking: Final Balance: \$25,642.00

Savings: Final Balance: \$34,000.00

Finance Investment Committee

David Glidden reports.

CORE VALUE AREA REPORTS

Youth Leadership and Development: No report.

Post Operations: Mario Perez ~~reported 9 members participated in the reports on~~ Post 66 Clean Up Day. ~~He also which had 9 members participating. He~~ secured a new vendor for fire extinguishers, all of which need to be recertified. Appointment has been made for recertification. Discussion ~~with former Post 66 Adjutant, had with Rich Powell regarding security cameras. -Powell related the current system is outdated and recommended purchasing a new system. -who and recommended new camera system should be explored. This should be discussed at the Exeeu~~ Referred to Executive Committee meeting ~~for further discussion.;~~

Membership Committee: David Glidden reports the Department of California newsletter indicates a membership drive will be conducted by the Dept of California at our Post on November 12, 2023.

Boys & Girls State: October 12, 2023, State dinner at Post 66 – by invitation only. Certificates completed and preparations are almost complete.

Community Outreach: Mario Perez report ~~thats 3 Post 66 members and 3 volunteers participated in Anglers Anonymous event in -and BBQed for approximately 80 people in~~ Avila Beach. ~~They BBQed for approximately 80 veterans. Perez thought this Anglers event was an excellent opportunity for Post 66 members to connect with other veterans and said the 6-person BBQ crew committed to again cooking for the Angler's event in 2024.is likely to be held at Post 66 in 2024.~~

Scouting Report: Bill Fieldhouse communicated with Bill Crewe about our flag box needing to be emptied by our Scout Troop. David Glidden reports current Scout shortages have caused this. Post 66 Scout troop and the Elks Club Scout troop are preparing to be combined into one troop. Communication with the Scouts is difficult, however we will continue to try and resolve this situation.

Capital Improvement Committee

No Report

LEGION FAMILY REPORTS

Auxiliary: Laurie Richards discusses Ella Blair's attendance at last month's Auxiliary meeting. November fund raiser raffle will be held on November 8, 2023, Monday Night Social.

Sons: Greg Somers reports Aaron Rodriguez, a history professor at Cal Poly has taken the Adjutant position and has been voted in. Two new members voted on and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. November 11, 2023 Veterans Day event discussion.

MOTION: by David Glidden to host Veteran's Day luncheon at Post 66 allocating \$600.00 for the cost. The luncheon will be on a 'donation only' basis and the bar will be open from 1100 to 1400 hrs. -Seconded by Greg Somers. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Set Executive Committee meeting date on 10-13-23. DONE. Commander O'Donnell will set the agenda.
3. David Glidden reports on NOOR Clinic presentation. They need support with medical supplies, specifically crutches. David would like to suspend Post 66 requirements to allow us to donate surplus medical supplies.

MOTION: by David Glidden, to suspend the Post 66 requirement to give medical supplies only to Veterans and donate surplus crutches / medical supplies to the NOOR group as seen fit. Seconded by Greg Somers. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Bill Fieldhouse found a 3-burner stove during Post 66 Clean Up Day. After further discussion it was discovered that the stove has been donated to the Post and was used this weekend.

TABLED ITEMS

None

For The Good and Welfare of the Legion

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4, 2023 – General Membership Meeting.

October 4, 2023 – Honor Flight attendees return to the Santa Maria Airport approximately 2000 hrs.

October 8, 2023 – SLO Veterans Museum "Celebrating 21 Years" BBQ 1500-1800 hrs.

October 9, 2023 – Monday Night Social (Columbus Day)

October 11, 2023 - General Membership BBQ

October 23, 2023 – Monday Night Social (Live Classic Country Guitar music by Tom Miller)

October 30, 2023 – Monday Night Social

Benediction: Greg Somers

Adjourned: 1954 hours.