



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

COMPILED BY Ramona Hedges, Post Adjutant

April 3, 2024

OPENED: 1830
Irwin, Mario Perez

OFFICERS: Nora O'Donnell, Ramona Hedges, Yvonne Hampton, Jim

MEMBERS: Fred Hampton, Greg Somers, Stephanie Paige, Roger Janikus, Betty "Doc" O'Conner, Janice Somers, Bill Fieldhouse, Rick Pushies (via Zoom), Laurie Richards, BB

TOTAL: 16

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APPROVED BY Nora O'Donnell, Post Commander

Invocation: Stephanie Paige

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Monthly General Membership meeting of March 1, 2024 as distributed via email on March 9, 2024.

Motion: by Janice Somers, to accept/approve the minutes. Seconded by Jim Irwin, no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

None

OFFICER'S REPORTS

1st Vice Commander (Yvonne Hampton)

Mailed out tickets for Pancake Breakfast. Reports on Elks Lodge Veterans event and thanks all those from Post 66 who volunteered.

2nd Vice Commander (Mario Perez)

Reports on communications had with the County regarding the trees in the front. County stated the trees belong to both the Post and the neighbor. An Arborist will be sought to come evaluate and provide a report to the county. Nora will call the City Arborist. Refrigerator on the left is now working. Work will be conducted on the stove vent because the current one is not connected properly.

Junior Past Commander (Yvonne Hampton)

No report

Adjutant (Ramona Hedges)

Membership: as of 3/29/24 Ca Legion.Org report: New members: 5. PUFL: 71. Members paid: 205. Transfers: 3 (already voted on). Total number of members: 285.

Communications

Nora reads communications into the record.

Sick Call

Chuck Emery, Randy Arseneau, John Archuleta, George Galvan, John Buckley, and Herb Filipponi.

Luis Verdugo (Mario reports has passed away). 4/19 at 1300 at The Nativity Church in SLO. Stephanie Paige is available to meet with any members needing prayer, and will make hospital visits. Richard Fisher's service is pending and we will be informed.

Post Everlasting

Richard Fisher
Andrew Arozena
Ray Steck
Luis Verdugo
Dale Winslow

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

Finance Officer

Checking: Final Balance: \$18,182.00

Savings: Final Balance: \$34,158.03

Motion by Yvonne Hampton, to accept the financial report subject to audit. Seconded by Janice Somers. No discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

Finance Investment Committee

No report.

CORE VALUE AREA REPORTS

Youth Leadership and Development: No report.

Post Operations: No report.

Membership Committee: Mario Perez reports on Elks Club event where Post 66 had a table with American Legion and Post 66 information. Rick Pushies purchased a new banner for the table which was proudly displayed.

Boys & Girls State: interviews with SLOHS, SLO Mission prep, fees paid and things are off to a good start.

Community Outreach: Nora O'Donnell checked 30 voice mails and returned calls. Yvonne Hampton reports we donated \$200 to the vet center. Mario Perez reports that due to the passage of Proposition 1, the SLO Veterans Court may be discontinued.

Scouting Report: Troop Six is rumored to be terminating. Nora O'Donnell will call Bill Crewe.

Capital Improvement Committee

No report

LEGION FAMILY REPORTS

Auxiliary: girls state luncheon on 4/14. Annual fundraiser in November.

Sons: Greg Somers reports the meeting on Monday was good. There is now a new Vice Commander, Bruce Nenado. Mr. Nenado's Son was in attendance who was initiated as a new member as well. Nominations and elections are complete. No changes from the current board. The Son's does not have an Executive Committee, and Greg Somers will be contacting Department Constitution/Bylaws representative to confirm if this is needed. Once this is determined the Bylaws will include any changes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Events
2. Buddy Checks – Stephanie Paige reports on a team of five volunteers who completed their calls. Once all calls have been completed home checks will be conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nominations for Officers and Delegates to the Convention. 3 rounds of nominations taken for each leadership position.

COMMANDER: 1st round – Yvonne Hampton nominates Stephanie Paige. 2nd round – no nominations. 3rd round – no nominations. Stephanie Paige accepts the nomination.

FIRST VICE: 1st round – Stephanie Paige nominates Yvonne Hampton. 2nd round – Rick Pushies nominates Mario Perez. Mario Perez respectfully declines nomination. 3rd round – no nominations. Yvonne Hampton accepts nomination.

SECOND VICE: 1st round – Rick Pushies nominates Mario Perez. Mario Perez accepts the nomination. 2nd round – Mario Perez nominates Roger Janikus. 3rd round – no nominations. Roger Janikus accepts nomination.

ADJUTANT: 1st round – Yvonne Hampton nominates Ramona Hedges. Ramona Hedges respectfully declines nomination. Ramona Hedges nominates Nora O'Donnell. 2nd round – no nominations. 3rd round – no nominations. Nora O'Donnell accepts the nomination.

FINANCE OFFICER: 1st round – Janice Somers nominates Jim Irwin. 2nd round – no nominations. 3rd round – no nominations. Jim Irwin accepts nominations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Executive Committee has 3 positions).

Mario Perez nominates Rick Pushies.

Mario Perez nominates Bill Fieldhouse. Bill Fieldhouse respectfully declines nominations.

Janice Somers nominates Barbara Fisher.

Yvonne Hampton nominates Ramona Hedges. Ramona Hedges respectfully declines nomination.

Bill Fieldhouse nominates Greg Somers.

Ramona Hedges nominates Mario Perez.

Nora O'Donnell nominates Fred Hampton.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Ramona Hedges nominates Janice Somers.

Yvonne Hampton nominates Nora O'Donnell.

Janice Somers nominates Greg Somers.

Rick Pushies nominates Stephanie Paige. Stephanie Paige respectfully declines.

Stephanie Paige nominates Yvonne Hampton.

TABLED ITEMS

None

For The Good and Welfare of the Legion

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8, 2024 – Monday Night Social

April 10, 2024 – General Membership BBQ/Dinner

April 13, 2024 – Membership Orientation and Lunch

April 15, 2024 – Monday Night Social

April 22, 2024 – Monday Night Social – with live Classic Country Music by Tom Miller

April 29, 2024 – Monday Night Social

BENEDICTION: Stephanie Paige

ADJOURNMENT: 1953 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Ramona Hedges

Post 66 Adjutant.