

**American Legion monthly meeting**

**September 11, 2024**

Meeting opened at 4:00 PM by Susan Bickell, Commander.

Salute, Invocation, POW/MIA Opening ceremony, Pledge of Allegiance, AL Preamble, America the Beautiful.

Roll call by Adjutant, Antonio Gaspar:

Present: Susan Bickell, Commander

 James Hokoana, 1st Vice Antonio Gaspar, Adj/Judge Advocate

 Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer Jim Traxler, Acting Chaplain

 Dave Carlson, Alt NEC Rex Corpuz, Sgt at Arms

 Jim Hussey, Historian

 Absent: John Ferris; 2nd Vice, Rance Pinao; Asst Sgt at Arms, Alex Okimoto; Chaplain (sick)

Guests: None

Motion to approve August Minutes by Susan Bickell, seconded by Jonnie Albanese. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Finance Officer’s Report by Susan Bickell, seconded by Paul Kelley. Balance for August 13, 2024 is $5,015.11. Motion approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

District IV Hawaii Report: Antonio Gaspar reported on the many activities and meetings he attended since the last meeting. His detailed report is available upon request.

HOMELESS PROGRAM: Jim Hussey reports that Chondra Whetzel will be making a donation to the Homeless Program on behalf of Steve Whetzel.

BUILDING/OPERATIONS: No report

SPECIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES: Veterans Day, Post 4 will be in charge. Post 20 and DAV will assist.

HONOR GUARD: Motion to pay Legion dues for members of the Honor Guard not currently in Legion (as long as they remain an active participant in the Honor Guard) by Jim Hussey and seconded by James Hokoana. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Antonio reminded everyone of AL dues.

Antonio reminded everyone that this Saturday, Sept 14th from 6 to 8am will be the Adopt-a-highway trash pickup. Start point is the Pualani traffic light.

National has approved Annual dues increase to $45.00 for next year. Post 60 members will increase to $55.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion to pay $200.00 for Boy Scout Golf Tournament on Sunday 29 September, 2024 by Jim Hussey. Seconded by Paul Kelley. Motion approved.

Motion to donate up to $400.00 to ROTC by Jim Hussey. Seconded by Jim Traxler. Motion approved.

BIRTHDAYS: 9/4 Robert Walter, 9/6 Glen Nojiri, 9/7 Robert Strickland, 9/10 Jim Hussey, 9/11 Maurice Lockhart, 9/17 Charles Furtado, 9/18 Dave Carlson, 9/22 Jon Boucher, Richard Ruchty and Ken Smith, 9/24 Patrick Castro, 9/26 George Hershberger and Henry Silva, 9/28 Teresa Keys.

ILLNESS/DEATH: Alex Okimoto-sick

Further Business: Look into presenting a 50 year AL Member award for Joe Yoshishige.

Benediction, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN: 4:50 PM. Next meeting 1600, October 9, 2024, at Ekahi Loft. Dress is white shirt.

Submitted by James Hokoana, 1st Vice.