**American Legion monthly meeting**

**Nov 10, 2021**

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

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

Roll call by 2nd Vice:

Present: Susan Bickell, Commander             Rico Pacatang, 1st Vice

                Jim Traxler,2nd Vice                          Antonio Gaspar, Judge Advocate

                David Carlson, Alt NEC                     Rex Corpus, Sgt at Arms

                Jim Hussey, Historian                        Alex Okimoto, Chaplain

Excused: Nesterio Domingo, Treasurer

Absent: John Ferris, Adjutant

Motion to approve October 13 minutes by Dave Carlson and seconded by Jim Hussey. Motion approved without changes.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Jim Hussey and seconded by Alex Okimoto. Motion approved with an ending balance of $10,382.66.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

      District- Antonio provided the report, again emphasizing, the need to help contact members who have not paid their dues. There was a discussion of District 4 membership goals that have been met as of today. Post 20 is doing very well in getting members paid up. The Adopt-a Highway pick-up is scheduled for November 20th at 6:00 am.

       Veterans Day Ceremony- Jim Hussey provided information on the abbreviated program for the Veterans Day Ceremony scheduled for November 11th. This will be similar to the last Memorial Day Program with attention to current Covid 19 Guidelines. The American Legion and DAV are joint sponsors for the Ceremony.

       Golf Tournament- Jim Hussey reviewed the event scheduled for January 30, 2022. Everyone is asked to help sign up players and sponsors.

       Oratorical Contest-Jim Hussey outlined the schedule and process for picking winners. Post 20 needs to pick a winner by mid-January. The Department needs to have the Post 20 contestant by January 31 for the Department contest on February 20th. The Post needs Judges and volunteers to help with this program. Contact Jim if you want to help.

       Homeless- Rex reported that all Homeless Vets have housing at Hope Services and that Hope Services provides rides to the CBOC.

       Sons of the Legion (SAL)-The Post 20 Squad is one of three in the Department. To move forward Rex Corpus has been appointed as the Commander and Rob Sanoria will be the Sgt at Arms.

OLD BUSINESS:

       Vietnam Veterans Memorial-Jim and Mel gave an update on this project expected to be completed by March of 2023. This will be a joint project sponsored by Post 20, DAV, VFW and others and will be located at the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. The funding Requirement will be approximately $25,000.

       Ammunition for Honor Guard- The Commander reported that ammunition has been ordered to support the Honor Guard.

NEW BUSINESS:

       Christmas Parade- Rico reported that the Christmas Parade is presently a “go”.  More info will be coming and the Post will participate.

       Christmas Party- The commander has looked into a venue for the Post 20 Christmas Party on December 17th or 18th. Most of the cost will be funded by the Post with some contribution from attendees. There was a motion to allocate up to $1,000 to cover the cost of the party which would include splitting the cost of the meal for each attendee. The motion was approved. Details will be coming.

        Civil Air Patrol (CAP)-Jim Hussey recommended Post 20 donate $500 to CAP to help them support their goals. He also pointed out the things they have done such as “Wreaths Across America” to help Veterans Activities. Motion was seconded by Rico and was approved.

        December DEC meeting- The Honolulu meeting will be attended by Rico, Antonio and Susan representing Post 20. Susan moved that the three attendees be reimbursed for their costs.  Alex seconded the motion and it was approved.

BIRTHDAYS:

November 10- Shane Gardner

                     13-Daryl Bickell

                     14- Fred Sims

                     16- Bernard Haena

                     28- Brad Hanley

                     29- Ernie Nourrie

Closing prayer, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN 5:00PM, next meeting January 12, 2022.

Submitted by Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice.