

**American Legion monthly meeting**

**JAN 12, 2022**

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 Adjutant:

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

John Ferris, Adjutant Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer

Motion to approve November 10, 2021 minutes by John Ferris and seconded by Dave Carlson. Motion approved without changes.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Jim Hussey and with second. Motion approved with an ending balance of $9,084,50.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

District- Antonio provided the report, again emphasizing, the need to help contact members who have not paid their dues. Post 20 is doing very well in getting members paid up but 34 members still remain unpaid. The Adopt-a Highway pick-up is scheduled for January 29th at 6:00 am.

Veterans Day Ceremony- Jim Hussey provided a summary of the Veterans Day events and asked that the inoperable defibrillator, solar panels, and the need for a toilet behind the committal shelter be addressed at the next Cemetery association meeting. Jim Traxler said he would get it on the agenda.

Golf Tournament- Jim Hussey reviewed the event scheduled for January 30, 2022. Everyone is asked to help sign up players and sponsors. 34 players are signed up at this time.

Oratorical Contest-Jim Hussey outlined, again, 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. Applications have been distributed. Susan moved that we commit to oratorical prizes as follows: 1st-$1500, 2nd - $700, and 3rd -$300. The motion was seconded and passed.

Homeless- Rex reported that he does not have the time to get the $800+ disbursed to Hope services, so he will give the point of contact to Jim Traxler so we can disburse the money and verify it will be used as we desire.

OLD BUSINESS:

RVN Memorial-Jim and Mel gave an update on this project expected to be completed by March of 2023. A motion was made to support the RVN Memorial with American Legion funds and the motion passed. Projects or fundraisers TBD.

Honor Guard- The Commander reported that recently ordered ammunition has not yet arrived to support the Honor Guard. Jim Hussey moved that we send $200.00 to the Boy Scouts for their continued support to the Honor Guard. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

BIRTHDAYS:

January Antonio Gaspar

Rudy D’amico

Harvey Scott

Phil Heavenston

Steve Miller

PASSED:

Dick Skarnes

Closing prayer, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN 4:50PM, next meeting February 9, 2022.

Submitted by John Ferris, Adjutant.