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**American Legion monthly meeting**

**April 13, 2022**

Meeting opened at 4:05 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

Vacant, Adjutant Nestorio Domingo, Treasurer

Absent: Jlm Hussey, Historian Alex Okimoto, Chaplain

Guests: Alex Crawford, Senior JROTC Instructor at Kealekehe High School.

The Commander recognized Paul Kelley for his 50 years of membership in the American Legion with a Certificate from National Headquarters.

Motion to approve March 9, 2022, minutes by Dave Carlson and seconded by Paul Kelley. Motion approved.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Rex Corpus and seconded by John Ferris. Motion approved with an actual balance of $7,939.27.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: District IV Hawaii Report: Antonio Gaspar announced that there will an “Adopt the Highway” clean-up on Saturday, April 16, 6:00-8:00 AM. He also reported that we could pay for the dues of some of the members who have not paid. There seemed to be a consensus that it could be appropriate to help anyone who can’t afford their membership dues but not for other reasons. Susan read off the names of 17 members who haven’t paid their dues and asked anyone who knows them to make personal contact.

Homeless Program: Rex reminded us that the $1,000 was sent to Hope Services to help Veteran families and individuals in the Kona area.

Building and Operations: Jim Traxler had nothing to report.

Honor Guard: Nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

RVN Memorial- Mel provided an update to the RVN Memorial project for the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. The next meeting of the Association will be Wednesday, April 20th. 1000 at Umekes.

Susan encouraged members to buy or sell more Boy Scout camp cards to help them in their fund raising efforts.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan reminded the members that the Slate proposed for next years officers will be the same as this year except for the Adjutant. Members are welcome to add members to the slate by contacting the Commander. Antonio requested to be on the slate for the Adjutant position. Election will be held in June.

A motion to donate $300.00 to the Child Welfare Program was presented by the Commander and seconded by Mel Behasa. The motion carried.

Nestorio reported that the Legion received a “Thank You” from Hospice of Kona for our support. Rico, Jim Hussey, and Nestorio were present for the recognition.

There was a motion by Rex Corpus to sponsor a hole at the VFW Golf Tournament in the amount of $150.00. Motion was seconded by John Ferris and approved.

BIRTHDAYS: 4/2 Keoni Babcock, 4/6 Donald Eller, 4/9 Richard Pinkerton, 4/20 Jack Stranger, 4/23 Gary Uriu, 4/28 Alfred Nakaula.

Closing prayer, POW/MIA Closing ceremony, Salute

ADJOURN 4:45PM, next meeting May 11, 2022.

Submitted by Jim Traxler, 2nd Vice Commander