

**MARSHALL S. SAYNER AMERICAN LEGION POST 341
BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 4, 2010

OPENING CEREMONIES:

At 1850 hours Commander Jake Greeling called the members to order. Opening Ceremonies were conducted with a salute to the flag, opening prayer led by Chaplain Ron Madsen, and the Pledge of Allegiance. The POW/MIA Flag Ceremony was conducted and 2nd Vice Commander Shelaine Coleman placed the flag on the "Empty Chair."

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Commander – Jake Greeling
2nd Vice Commander – Shelaine Coleman
Finance Officer – John Chelstrom
Judge Advocate – Gene Rogers
Chaplain – Ron Madsen
Service Officer – Nat Holmes
Sgt-At-Arms – Bill Pranke

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:

Minutes from our last meeting are posted on the bulletin board and have been on the website for over 3 weeks. Commander Greeling asked if there were any corrections or additions. There were none and a motion to accept the minutes as posted was set forth and accepted.

FINANCE REPORT:

The balance sheet and income statement are posted on the Post's bulletin board and available for all to view. Finance Officer Chelstrom informed the members present that the Post had over \$50,000 in all accounts for the first time ever. \$27,508 consisted of the building fund. the checking account has \$9,738 and money market account has \$10,180 these three accounts plus our net assets brings us to over \$50,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doug Grant reported on the building fund activity. Which consists of a silent auction on May 22nd at the Bella Vista Methodist Church. He mailed out over 160 letters to various companies asking for gift donations for the auction. Some of those gifts have started to arrive. Our membership officer was not present but did furnish that we have 529 paid up members. We still need to get 50 unpaid members to pay up to keep up with last years membership. Nat Holmes, Service Officer, gave a report on affairs at the VA Hospital, about Veterans licenses plates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Commander Greeling reported on the golf tournament activity. 35 businesses have been contacted so far asking for hole sponsorship. Currently three foursomes have signed up as well as four hole sponsorships have been received.

Boys State will begin Memorial Day weekend. Even though school won't be out the principle at Bentonville High School said it wouldn't affect those who will be candidates for Boys State.. We committed for up to 5 boys to be sent.

Second Vice Commander Shelaine Coleman reported on the breakfast which was held on February 27. We netted \$321. We will start having a regular breakfast the 2nd Saturday of each month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Flag Retirement will be held at Blowing Spring park in Bella Vista on June 14th at 6 PM. We are still in the planning stage but we have the Park reserved.

Commander Greeling announced that the election for new officers will be in May and asked anyone who would like to become an officer for the next year to please speak up. We hope to make nominations at our next meeting.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS:

Commander Greeling called for Chaplain Madsen to lead the members in a memorial prayer for departed members: Fred McNelly, Wayne Doty and John W. Lieven

GOOD OF THE LEGION:

Nothing reported.

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1945 hours. There were 22 members present. 7 voting officers were at the meeting.

Respectively submitted,
Shelaine Coleman, Acting Adjutant