

MARSHALL S. SAYNER AMERICAN LEGION POST 341

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

APRIL 1, 2010

OPENING CEREMONIES:

At 1830 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	2 nd Vice Commander – Shelaine Coleman
Adjutant – Leslie Jackson	Finance Officer – John Chelstrom
Judge Advocate – Gene Rogers	Chaplain - Ron Madsen
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 some time. A motion to accept the minutes as read was approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Commander Greeling presented the 50 year pin and certificate to Buford Gibbons. Harley Shotliff was unable to attend the meeting for his pin presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising Committee – Doug Grant informed the members that there are 3 dozen items up for auction including a football signed by the 2009 Green Bay Packers. Volunteers are needed to each call a list of 10 businesses to remind them of their donations for the auction. The auction will be held on May 22nd 11:00am - 3:00 pm at the Methodist Church across from Tanyard. Another committee meeting will be held sometime next week. If interested please attend.

Finance Report – Finance Officer Chelstrom informed the members that the Post's total cash assets are \$51,516 (\$8,145 in checking, \$28,173 in building fund, and \$15,197 in money market).

Membership Report – Commander Greeling informed the members that there are approximately 540 paid up members in our Post.

Service Officer Report – No report. Service Officer is out of town traveling.

Open House Report – Commander Greeling informed the members that the open house was a mixed success and everyone had a good time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Golf Tournament – So far, there are 15 foursomes and \$1700.00 in hole sponsors. Tournament starts at 8:00 am on May 1st. Eight to nine volunteers are needed around 10:30am-11:00am at the pavilion to help serve and cook.

Boy's State – 4 boys have applied and a donation to pay for one boy has been received along with a donation from the 4th degree Knights of Columbus.

Color Guard Uniform – The uniform was on display on the wall. It consist of a white shirt, gold rope, gold ascot, deep blue trousers with gold stripe, black patent leather shoes and a Legion hat.

Flag Day Flag Retirement Ceremony – The ceremony will be held at Bowling Spring on June 14th at 6:00pm. Volunteers are needed for the 300-400 flags. Ron Raby's Scout troop and the Post's Cub Scouts will be in attendance. Commander Greeling is trying to get an Army band from either Missouri or Arkansas depending on their drill schedule. If there are schedule conflicts then a high school band may be asked to perform.

NEW BUSINESS:

New members introduced – John "Bubbles" Champagne and Hal Graves

Dave Thorton informed the members about the Pinewood Derby on May 1st at the Church of Christ in Bentonville. The Post's Cub Scouts compete in the Derby. He asked for volunteers to judge the cars for about an hour starting at 10:00am.

There will be a Flag appreciation class for Weblo's of Cub Pack 341 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Tuesday April 6, 2010 at the Post.

The Brookfield Retirement Home asked the Post to conduct a Flag Presentation on April 6th at 1:30 pm for its handful of decorated veterans. 3-4 members in uniform are required. The retirement home is located near the Plaza close to Cooper's old office building.

Finance Officer Chelstrom informed the members that approximately 60-70 very comfortable and stylish chairs from his church are available to the Post for the new building for a small donation. It was decided \$300 would be the donation, which is small in comparison to what we will pay retail for nice chairs. Volunteers are needed to help put the chairs in storage.

Finance Officer Chelstrom also informed the members that there is also a nice quality 4' X 7' U-shaped counter on wheels that would serve perfectly for a beverage bar in the new Post building. The church is giving it away for free and will delivery it.

2nd Vice Officer Coleman informed the members that there will be a breakfast on Saturday, April 10th from 9:00 am to noon. 100 people are expected this time. The menu will be biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, fresh fruit, and orange juice. It is estimated that \$100 will be needed for cooking the breakfast. If you want to help, be at the Post at 7:30am.

Nominations for the new 2010-2011 Officers are as follow: Jake Greeling for Commander, Lewis Kaslow for 1st Vice Commander, Shelaine Coleman for 2nd Vice Commander, John Chelstrom for Finance Officer, Dan Lapointe for Adjutant, Gene Rogers for Judge Advocate, Nat Holmes for Service Officer, Ron Madsen for Chaplain, and Bill Pranke for Sgt-At-Arms. Nominees from the floor will be accepted at the next membership meeting as well. The elections will be at our next membership meeting on May 6, 2010 and the installation of the officers will occur in June.

THE GOOD OF THE LEGION:

Doug Grant informed the members that the American Legion is now involved in raising funds for the father of Lance Corporal Matthew Snyder, US Marine Corps to help with the legal costs he has to pay to the Westboro Baptist Church when they protested at his son's funeral. Money was collected from members present and a motion was made and approved to make a \$100 donation from the Post. 2nd Vice Commander Coleman also informed the members if they want to donate or find out more info they can go to matthewsnyder.org.

MOMENT FOR DEPARTED MEMBERS:

Commander Greeling called for Chaplain Madsen to lead the members in a memorial prayer for departed members:

Herb Eck, 94 years old, Army Air Corp WWII

Les Hinkley, 90 years old, U.S. Navy WWII

CLOSING CEREMONIES:

Commander Greeling conducted appropriate Closing Ceremonies. The meeting was adjourned at 1920 hours.

Respectively submitted,

Leslie Jackson, Adjutant