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**DATE: 15 June 2019 COMPILED BY: Post Adjutant, Dennis O’Leary**

**ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: 6 VISITORS: 0 TOTAL: 0**

**Cdr Lawrence Allen asked Sgt-at-Arms Raul Romero to secure the meeting room and post the Colors. Cdr then brought the meeting to order at 1000 hrs Saturday 14 June 20109 at the ASYMCA located at 7060 Comington St. 79930. Members stood and uncovered while Cdr opened the meeting in prayer. Cdr Allen then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion. Members remained standing in silent reverence while Sgt-At-Arms Raul Romero conducted the POW/MIA ceremony by placing the cover on the empty chair.**

**Roll Call of Officers was taken by Adjutant Dennis O’Leary. The following Officers were absent: 1st Vice Cdr/1st Exec Committeeman Hank Braun, (he was not able to make this month’s meeting for physical reasons.); 2d Exec Committeeman James Foster (Note: Mr Foster has much difficulty in walking, not able to attend.)**

**Cdr asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes and consider them as posted. Martin made a motion to do so and it was 2d’d by Raul and passed by the members.**

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Veteran Affairs & Service: Cdr asked if anyone had any comments about our VA.**
2. **National Security: Cdr stated, “I’d say we covered that already.”**
3. **Americanism:**
4. **Children & Youth: Cdr stated, “We continue to support the Zavala Elem School and ask for you to collect school supplies. I spoke with the principal and she would like the supplies after the students return after the Christmas break.”**
5. **Membership & Post Activities: Adjutant stated, “We are still at 75 members and 60 are paid-up, which is a commendable 80%.” members.”**
6. **Public Relations: Cdr, when the Adjutant and I get together for our Exec Mtg, Dennis wears the Legion hat. Most of the time someone comes over to our table to ask us questions. It’s a great idea if you’re doing anything in the way of Legion business to put on your hat.”**
7. **Legislative: Cdr, “Did you all see the changes in the GI Bill? The people retiring in the future will have to contribute to their own retirement, like a 401K plan.” Adj asked, “Does the govt do a match?” Cdr, “Yes, they will be do a one-to-one match on the contributions.”**
8. **Finance: Dennis stated, “Our balance is $825.84.”**
9. **Economic: No report.**
10. **House: Cdr stated, “Hank got all the Legion materials from David Rice. Hank couldn’t be here today because of an appt at the VA. And we know that we really need to try to make all of our VA appts.”**
11. **Graves & Memorial: Adj O’Leary stated, “There were no members who went on to Post Everlasting during the previous month.” Cdr stated, “That’s good.”**

**Sick-Call & Relief: Member Bill Whitley stated, “Shirley woke up yesterday and couldn’t walk. I took her to the ER and, after a 4-hour wait, found out that she had a severe case of vertigo. They put her on something which seems to help.”**

**Hubmaster/Service Officer: AL stated, “Ok, as Hubmaster, I should have it up by the end of the week. I’ll send out an email to let you all know. But the biggest thing is a permanent address for our meetings. It’s month-by-month here at ASYMCA.”**

**Unfinished Business: Cdr asked, “Is there any unfinished business?” Raul asked, Are we were still tasked with transportation at the Convention in July?” Cdr answered, “No, we’re not. All of the hotels have their own shuttle vans, so there is no sense in us trying to do it too.” Cdr stated, “I went to the Convention meeting at Post 122 a couple weeks ago and I’ll go the next one in early June. The registration fee is $35. I was able to register at that meeting in Anthony. Cdr stated, “Now do we want to put an ad in the Convention Booklet?” After discussion, a motion was made by Olga to place a quarter-page ad, which cost $50. Motion 2d’d by Bill Whitley and the motion passed. Cdr then asked, “Who will be attending the Convention?” There were three: Allen, Olga and Dennis. Cdr then stated, “We need to do a Certification of Delegates for any who will be at the Elections that will be held on Sunday, the 17th.” Adj stated, “I’ll get that done.”**

 **New Business: Adj stated, “I have something, Cdr. The Exec Dir of the ASYMCA asked me to take up a collection to pay for the use of this building. So, Raul, could we borrow your hat for this?” After collecting the donations, we had $32. Olga took the $32 and then wrote a check to the ASYMCA in the amount of $50. The group thanked her for her generosity.**

**Cdr then stated, “Ok, we need to have our Post Election of Officers. All positions are open with the exception of Cdr, since I was elected last month to complete 2016 and for the 2017 year.”**

**The Slate of Officers is as follows: 1st Vice Cdr and 1st Executive Committeeman: Henry “Hank” Braun; 2d Vice Cdr: Olga Kalpakgian; Adjutant and Finance Officer: Dennis O’Leary; Sgt-At-Arms: Raul Romero; Chaplain: Robert Jeskey; Service Officer and Hubmaster: Allen Lawrence; 2d Executive Committeeman: James Foster; and Historian and Judge Advocate: John Parrigin. Motion made by Raul Romero and 2d’d by Olga Kalpakgian to accept the Slate of Officers. Motion passed.**

**For the Good of the Legion: OK gave out upcoming event information to the group which was very informative.**

**Hank stated, “Does anyone have anything else to come before this meeting?” There was no response. Having no further business to discuss, members and guests stood and uncovered while RJ offered the Memorial prayer. Members remained standing in silent reverence while Sgt-At-Arms Romero recovered of the POW/MIA chair cover. 1st Vice Braun adjourned the meeting at 1130 hrs Saturday 16 April 2016.**

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**Adjutant Dennis O’Leary Commander Allen Lawrence**