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**DATE: 18 July 2020 COMPILED BY: Post Adjutant, Dennis O’Leary**

**ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: 7 VISITORS: 0 TOTAL: 7**

**Members were unable to gain access to the meeting building, therefore meeting was held outside on the patio. There was a quorum, so we conducted a regular meeting, albeit an abbreviated one.**

**Roll Call of Officers was taken by Adjutant Dennis O’Leary. The following Officers were absent: 2d Vice Cdr Olga Kalpakgian (was sequestered in her home due to the Chinese virus) and 2d Exec Committeeman James Foster (chronic physical issues).**

**Cdr asked if there was a motion to suspend the reading of the Jan 2020 meeting minutes and consider them as posted. Motion to do so was made by 1st Vice Cdr Hank Braun and seconded by Hubmaster and Historian Martin Lawrence. Motion passed by the members.**

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Veteran Affairs & Service: Cdr stated, “Most of the visits are being sent out to the community right now due to the virus.” Raul stated, “I’m being taken care of real good by the outside doctors.”**
2. **National Security: Cdr stated, “Just stay vigilant and be careful. Be aware of your surroundings.”**
3. **Americanism: Cdr reminded members to wear your Legion hat if you’re doing anything related to American Legion business.**
4. **Children & Youth: Hank stated, “I’ve got boxes full of books to donate to Zavala whenever they open up again. And speaking of children, my two grandsons are here right now and I’ve been teaching them American history and about our Flag. Their father will be stationed here at Ft Bliss for his final three years until he retires.”**
5. **Membership & Post Activities: Adjutant O’Leary stated, “We have fifty-seven members in our Post; but they’re the loyal ones. We already have thirty-five paid-up members which is 61%. We are doing well.”**
6. **Public Relations: Cdr, “Post is doing good work for the El Paso community with our assistance to Zavala Elementary School.”**
7. **Hubmaster: Martin stated, “The website is up and doing well. We get ten to fifteen hits a day.” Cdr stated, “I paid for the website for the next year; it was only $50.”**
8. **Service Officer: Cdr stated, “I haven’t been able to assist service people for months now due to the virus.”**
9. **Legislative: Cdr, “No new laws are pending.” Martin stated, “There are some new tax laws; $800 more off on the tax deduction.”**
10. **Finance: Dennis stated, “Our current balance is $1,238, so we’re doing really well with our finances.”**
11. **Economic: No report.**
12. **House: No report.**
13. **Graves & Memorial: Adj O’Leary stated, “As reported above, we had one PUFL go on to Post Everlasting.”**
14. **Sick-Call & Relief & Employment: Cdr asked Bill how he and his wife are doing. Bill report that both he and Eleanor are doing pretty well.” Martin reported that we have to wear a mask and wash hands before entering a hospital.” Hank reported that Carol has a bad left shoulder and he himself has a torn meniscus in the right knee.**

**Unfinished Business: Cdr stated, “If you have any school supplies, please keep them at your home for the time being.”**

**New Business: Martin stated, “H&R Block donated $220 to us for people who used the code for their taxes in 2019.”**

**For the Good of the Legion: Cdr asked if any members had any items to share for the Good of the Legion.**

**Cdr asked, “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 Cdr offered the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 1045 hrs Saturday 18 Jul 20.**

**Note: Next meeting will be at 1000hrs, 15 Aug 20.**

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