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DATE: 15 April 2023

COMPILED BY: Post Adjutant, Dennis O'Leary

ATTENDANCE: MEMBERS PRESENT: 4 VISITORS: 2 (ZOOM) TOTAL: 6

NOTE: Cdr Allen continues to have medical/physical issues and is not able to make it to the meeting today.

NOTE: This will be a ZOOM meeting. The ZOOM meeting host is our Hubmaster, Martin Lawrence, and he will be conducting the meeting this month.

There was not a regular meeting in March. The West Zone (District 16) Cdr, Richard "Breeze" Britton made a courtesy visit and met with members who were present: Dennis O'Leary; Raul Romero; Manny Romero and Martin Lawrence. The visit was informative and productive. The meeting started at 1000hrs and ended at 1200, Sat. 18 Mar 23.

Roll Call of Officers was taken by Adjutant Dennis O'Leary. In addition to the Cdr; 2d Exec Committeeman James Foster (chronic age-related physical issues). Post Officer open/vacant positions: 1st Vice Cdr; Chaplain; Judge Advocate; 1st Exec Committeeman.

Committee Reports:

1. Veteran Affairs & Service: Sgt-at-Arms Raul Romero stated, "They (the VA) don't help me at all. They passed me over to Beaumont (Army Hosp) for cardiology." Olga stated, "They're really great." Martin stated, "I don't ever go up to the VA; they gave me a General Practice physician out on the economy."
2. National Security: Martin stated, "Be careful out there." Raul stated, "Yeah, and do not pick up any money. A lady in CA picked up a \$20 bill, went to buy something at a 7-11. Both her and the clerk died from handling that money. It was laced with fentanyl."
3. Americanism: Dennis stated, "Please fly the flag on all national holidays and wear your Legion hat for any business with veterans."
4. Children & Youth: Manny Romero, Zavala Elementary School liaison, was absent today due to family commitments.
5. Membership & Post Activities: Adjutant O'Leary stated, "We a new member from Post 345 (Legion members who aren't members of a particular Post). His name is Gary Broach and he joined us on 27 Feb 23. And we have fifty-one paid up our fifty-six members which comes out to 91%. We continue to do very well with our loyal members."
6. Public Relations: Martin stated, "I'll be setting up to do poppy sales for Memorial Day. It will be on the Friday before the holiday at the Walmart on Transmountain."
7. Legislative: Raul stated, "T"X legislators are working on property taxes. More exemptions for some, but will probably increase rates for those who have do not qualify for any."
8. Finance: Finance Officer Dennis O'Leary stated, "Our current balance is \$1,214.24 now, so we're still in good shape financially."
9. Service Officer: No report
10. Hubmaster: Martin reported, "We're getting about 30 hits a day on our website."
11. Historian: No report.
12. Graves & Memorial: Dennis stated, "No members went on to Post Everlasting this past month."

13. Sick-Call & Relief & Employment: Please continue to keep Allen in your thoughts and prayers.

14. Unfinished (old) Business: School supplies for Zavala is pending.

15. New Business: Dennis stated, “Let us thank Martin for hosting the ZOOM and conducting the meeting today.”

16. For the Good of the Legion: Martin asked, “Does anyone have anything for the Good of the Legion?” There was no response. He then asked if there was anything else to come before the meeting. There was no response.

Meeting adjourned at 1045, Sat. 15 Apr 23. Note: Next meeting will be at 1000hrs, 20 May 23.

Adjutant Dennis O’Leary

Commander Allen Lawrence