

American Legion Post 250 E-Board Minutes

Date: 8 November 2023

Attendance:

Cmdr	XX	1 st Vice	XX	2 nd Vice	EX
Finance Off	XX	Adj	EX	Hist	XX
Chaplin	EX	SVC Off	XX	SAA	EX
EB 1	XX	EB 2	EX	ASAA	EX
JA	XX				

QUORUM: Y

Call to order: 1830

Adjourn: 1946

Commander read Chaplin's opening prayer.

Officer Reports:

Finance Officer:

Beginning Balance: \$81,721.00

Ending Balance \$78,841.00

See Finance Officer for detailed report.

Motion was made by Gary Fleming and seconded by Cindy Anderson to accept the report as read subject to audit. Discussion was held about the Moving monies from one account to another to pay bills. It was also mentioned that the Insurance down payment has been made. Discussion was also held to send out a message to our members about the financial situation.

There were questions about the Lottery Machine and why it was removed. The decision was made due to the high amount of charges we are getting and not taking in enough monies to cover. Also there are many headaches with the Lottery processing that add to our frustration.

Motion was voted on and passed.

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Chaplains Report:

Mama Chappy was in and out of the hospital once again. The Lucas' son and daughter think they have found a place near them in South Carolina. Waiting on word to help them move.

1st Vice:

Membership is at 66.87%. and we made our November goal! We need approximately 100 more to make our next goal of 75% by December 7th. We have Buddy Check day scheduled for 25 November.

2nd Vice:

Please see the Calendar. Activities meetings are moving back to Wednesdays to accommodate schedules.

Judge Advocate:

Putting together recognition certificates with the help of PR Chair.

Service Officer:

We are hearing of problems contacting the Clay County Veteran Service Officer. Current Clay County Veteran Service Officer (VSO): Rich Carry. They are in Building 420 on College Dr.

17-18 November our Service Officer will be at his annual training in conjunction with the Depart Fall Conference.

Historian:

SAL: We are following our National lead and raising monies for the Children's Welfare Fund.
Still looking for folks to help with the football stadium fund raisers.

E-Board: Nothing to Report

Committee Reports:

Baseball: We are looking at having two teams from Orange Park and the SAL sponsoring one from Fleming Island.

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Commanders Report:

As you have heard from our Finance Officer, our finances are in trouble. We need to find new revenue streams. In the meantime, I will put out a message to our membership in hopes of generating some ideas and maybe some donations.

Our Kitchen Manager (Vince St John) has resigned.

Veteran's Day we have multiple events: 1) Magnolia Cemetery for the Historical Society of Orange Park Ceremony. 2) at our Post to honor our Veterans and dedicate the recently added names to our Memorial Wall.

We need volunteers for both Thanksgiving (to make food and help distribute) and for the Middleburg Christmas Parade (9 Dec).

Riders will be involved in the opening ceremonies for the Puerto Rican Coffee and Chocolate Festival on November 19.

Department Commander will be visiting 7 Dec 2023 1230-1330. Our Auxiliary will be making lunch. HE would really like to talk with members to see how they feel things are going.

Old business:

Audit committee has been meeting and have a schedule they are working on: Dec 10th they will start with the Rider's and SAL. Once complete they will look at the Legion books. Lastly, they will tackle the Canteen books. They expect to get us a report by the end of January.

Signage remains one of our open issues. The latest estimate is \$2590.00. We have raised \$1600.00 towards that goal and continuing to pursue it.

New Business:

Motion by Wayne Elliott / 2nd by Linda Story: to increase our dues from \$45.00 per year to \$60.00 per year. Discussion was held about the

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announcement National made after the August Convention to raise the dues by \$10. It is also expected that Department will raise theirs. Motion was passed.

Good of the Order:

There was positive feedback about the recent leadership meeting. We will schedule another one after the beginning of the new year

No further business.

Chaplin said closing prayer

Salute to Flag

Meeting adjourned at 1932.

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Ken White
Commander

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Dick Rowe
Adjutant