



General Membership Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Commander Albert Mireles Jr at 6:30 P.M. The standard opening ceremony was conducted.

Adjutant Allen Iott called the roll of Officers and Executive Committee members. Called for a quorum were:

Post Officers:

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| 1. Commander, Albert Mireles Jr | Present |
| 2. 1 st Vice Commander, Pat Farrell | Present |
| 3. 2 nd Vice Commander Michael Knott | Present |
| 4. Judge Advocate, Ricardo Munoz | Present |
| 5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott | Present |
| 6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez | Present |
| 7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello | Absent |
| 8. Historian, Dan Almendarez | Absent |
| 9. Sgt-At-Arms, Todd Griffin | Present |
| 10. Asst Sgt-At-Arms, Daniel Rodriguez | Absent |
| 11. Chaplain, Yehoshua Huerta | Present |

Post Executive Committee Members:

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| 1. Carlos Salazar | Absent |
| 2. Al Anderson | Present |
| 3. Hermlinda Zavala | Present |
| 4. Debra Sackett | Absent |
| 5. Andrea Ortiz | Absent |

Quorum was present to conduct business.

General Membership minutes and Executive Committee minutes were handed out to the membership present prior to the meeting. Motion was presented by Todd Griffin and seconded by Raul Buentello to approve minutes. Motion was voted upon and passed.

The following members were voted in as New Members: Salvador H. Gonzales (USA/GWOT); Luciana Ramirez (USN/GWOT); Reynaldo Campos (USMC/Vietnam); Ruben Cadena (USA/Vietnam); Melissa Antaleu (USN/GWOT); Daniel Analeu (USN/GWOT) and the following Post transfers: Jesus Gonzales, TX Post 345. Motion by Allen Iott and seconded by Todd Griffin to accept the new members into Alamo Post 2. Motion passed.

The following guests from the Boy Scouts were present at the meeting: Charles Barba, District Executive, James Lomas, Cubmaster Pack 2, Joshua Saunders, Cubmaster Pack 132, David Rodriguez, Scoutmaster Troop 132, Danielle Casanova, Committee Chair Pack 39, Elizabeth Montgomery, Committee Chair Pack 132.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice Commander reported that there are 524 renewals which is 77.74% of the 2024 membership goal of 674.

Second Vice Commander reported the Post Oratorical contest was held on 5 November 2023 and the winner of the Post competition was Lexington Megerle, Senior at Central Catholic High School.

Finance Officer reported the balance in the General fund is \$17,183.92 and the building fund of \$17,147.8. He is looking at contracting cleaning service since the amount of volunteer participation is low.

Veteran Country Dance analysis: Ticket sales sold 131.00 at \$20.00 each totaling \$2,620.00. Auxiliary 50/50 \$710.00 with half (\$355.00 to Unit and \$355 to winner). Band expense of \$400.00 with net profit of \$2,220.00.

He reminded the membership that rentals are either rentals or Post events. 501C3 organizations must fall into one of the 4 Pillars of The American Legion.

Motion presented by Carlos Mendez and seconded by Todd Griffin to approve the financial report pending and audit/review. Motion was voted on and passed.

Adjutant reported that The American Legion voted at the August National convention to raise the dues owed to Department and National from \$35.00 to \$40.00. Currently, Post dues are \$40.00 with \$35.00 going to National and Department leaving \$5.00 for the Post. At the January 2024 general meeting, there will be a vote from Post members on either raising dues or leaving as is.

He was contacted by National Headquarters "Be the One" program coordinator and was informed that they would like to install on the Post property a Beaverfit Shred Shed which is valued at \$40,000 and will have the American Legion and Be the One logo. The date of installation is TBD but would like to start operations around Veterans Day. The Shred Shed contains storage an integrated and custom-fabricated to anchor a functional training rig and store the equipment for a multi-modality training center.

Chaplain: Irene Rodriguez, Annie Iott, Carlos Mendez are sick.

Judge Advocate No report.

Post Service Officer: No report.

Historian No report

Standing Committees:

Building and House Committee Chairman: Work is being done in the front entrance, on the roof; canteen rug was steamed-cleaned; hand dryers to be installed in the bathrooms. Ceramic tiles in bathrooms and working on vinyl floor tile.

Motion by Todd Griffin and seconded by Rauol to purchase toilet paper dispensers for ballroom bathrooms. Motion passed.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman No report

Color Guard No Report

Scouting: Reported that he and some of the Officers will visit our Cub Scout Packs to distribute pinewood derby kits to the Cub Scouts.

Troop 262 from Flower Mound, TX will be “camping” at the Post on 13 January with 50 scouts and 12 adults.

Sons of the American Legion (SAL): Ne report

Legion Rider Chairman reported that the ALR are meeting on the first Tuesday of each month and currently have 8 members and growing. Their signature charity event changed from the Legacy fund to the Veteran/Children Welfare Foundation.

Public Affairs/Hubmaster Committee Chairman No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

There will be a raffle beginning in October 2023 with the drawing in February 2024 with the proceeds to the building fund.

Bingo commission approved bingo license and will be leased to Bingo Hall on Eisenhower Flea Market. Some ideas are to donate funds to worthy organizations that support the Four Pillars.

Motion from Larry Romo and seconded by Steve Martinez to donate \$250.00 to Edgewood Veterans Association. Motion passed.

Reminder to all members of the Post of what the Four Pillars and programs of the American Legion are about. The Post is not a bar or dance hall. We need these activities to fund these programs. Remember who we are and the mission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chaplain offered the closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 1948 hours.

Prepared by:

Allen Iott Alamo Post 2 Adjutant