



General Membership Meeting Minutes November 2, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Commander Howard Gravely 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, Howard Gravely | Present |
| 2. 1 st Vice Commander, Suzzie Thomas | Excused |
| 3. 2 nd Vice Commander | VACANT |
| 4. Judge Advocate, Fred Vasquez | Present |
| 5. Adjutant, Allen G. Iott | Present |
| 6. Finance Officer, Carlos Mendez | Present |
| 7. Service Officer, Eddie Tello | Excused |
| 8. Historian, Joe Sanchez | Excused |
| 9. Sgt-At-Arms, Tod Griffin | Excused |
| 10. Asst Sgt-At-Arms, Daniel Rodriguez | Present |
| 11. Chaplain | VACANT |

Post Executive Committee Members:

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| 1. Dan Almendarez | Excused |
| 2. Roanna Escamilla-Mayer | Excused |
| 3. Albert Mireles | Present |
| 4. Michael Knott | Present |
| 5. VACANT | |

There being 7 of 13 current members of the Executive Committee present a quorum was present to conduct business.

General Membership minutes and Executive Committee minutes were provided via email and at the post website. A motion was presented by Dan Rodriguez and seconded by Fred Vasquez to approve minutes. Motion was voted upon and passed.

The following guests were in attendance: Julian Martinez-USMC; Vincent Cardenas=USMC; Joy Gibson-USA.

The following members were voted in: new members: Joy Gibson (Army/GWOT; Manuel T. Arcos (Air Force/Vietnam); Olga Martinez (Army/Lebanon/Grenada); Pedro Martinez (Marines/Other Conflicts);

Maria C. Morrell (Air Force/GWOT); Fernando Torres (Army/Unkown); Keith Townsend (Army/GWOT) and transfer from VA Post 72. Motion by Dan Rodriguez and seconded by Michael Knott to accept the new members into Alamo Post 2. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

First Vice Commander reported that the goal for the Post for 2023 is 631. Currently renewals are 416 with a renewal rate of 65.93% of goal.

Second Vice Commander VACANT

Finance Officer Net balance in general fund of \$3,509.60 and in the building fund \$56.09. He is looking for anyone interested in shadowing him and learn the finance Officer position. He presented a balance spreadsheet and reported the shadowing sources of income are as follows: is the fish fry and the curative rental in the parking lot of \$1200 per month. He also reported that the next bid fundraiser will be the Post New Year's Eve Dance held on 31 December with the potential of raising approximately \$6000 to \$8000. Looking for volunteers for setup, cleanup, raffles, 50/50 raffle, door, and party favors. Motion made by Fred Vasquez and seconded by Dan Rodriguez to commit to the New Year's Eve Party.

Adjutant reported that the Cub Scout Pack 2 is off the ground and are meeting with 13 scouts and five committed parents/leaders.

Chaplain VACANT

Judge Advocate No Report

Post Service Officer: No report.

Historian No Report

Standing Committees:

Building and House Committee Chairman: reported that the rehabilitation of the canteen is ongoing. He also reported that he was stepping down as the House Committee chairman. There will be Marine Corps Birthday cake-cutting ceremony on 10 November at 7:00 pm. There will be a planning meeting every Monday at 6:30 pm and game night of cards and dice every Tuesday from 4-9 pm. Bar will be open and snacks can be brought in.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman No report

Color Guard No report

Legion Rider Chairman reported that they are still re-organizing the chapter.

Public Affairs/Hubmaster Committee Chairman No report.

Post Band: The band have the following events in November: 10 November 22 Madison Estates; Veterans Day ceremony at the Post on 11 November; Veterans Day parade 12 November at 1200.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Commander brought up the rentals which involves veterans and non-veterans' organizations. Motion made by Michael Knight and seconded by Beckwith Steiner established the following rates: Ballroom Rates for Non-Military/Veteran organizations is set at \$1800 while Military/Veteran organizations rate will be \$1800 less 25% or \$1350.00 and the Canteen will be \$900.00 for Non-Military/Veteran organizations and \$900.00 less 25% or \$675 for Military/Veteran organizations. Rates include 1 bartender and 1 security. A copy of the organization 501C19 with letter with formal letter from organization in keeping with existing rental rules. Motion Passed.

Another motion was presented to re-structure the bartender individual rental rates but the Judge Advocate recommended to table to the Executive committee for review and vote.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

Judge Advocate Fred Vasquez reminded everyone that a lot of restaurants are offering discounts and meals. He also reminded everyone that VFW Post 1986 will be having Breakfast and lunch from 9 am to 3 pm. He also reported that on a recent visit to Colorado he met the department Commander Pat Flores and that he sent his regards to Post 2. He also recommended that members should visit other American Legion Posts while on vacation since we are all part of the family.

The Commander presented a letter of appreciation to Beckwith Steiner for his dedication to the TX American Legion Boys State program.

The Past Commanders of Post 2 presented Immediate Past Commander Carlos Mendez with his Past Commander Plaque.

Finance Officer Carlos Mendez presented to the present members 6 cards for sick members of the Alamo Post 2 family.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned by the Commander at 8:35 p.m.

Note: Meeting minutes as written were approved by vote at the general membership meeting held on 12/7/2022.