



Pacific Beach American Legion Auxiliary Unit #552

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2012

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Desiree Herrera; Pledge of Allegiance and ALA Preamble were recited by all.
- Attendance was taken by Secretary.
 - **8 Members Present:** Desiree Herrera (President), Victoria Seamon (1st Vice), Jody O'Donnell (2nd Vice), Nancy Person (Treasurer/Secretary), Heather Marzan (Sgt-At-Arms), Nancie McLees (Historian), Karen Stewart (Chaplain), and Lindsey Bittman.
 - **3 Guests Present:** Past District President June Coatney was in attendance to officiate our officers' installation. In addition, Joanna and Alexandra Sullivan (mother and daughter) came to observe a meeting. They are potential new members who were referred by Jerry.
- Installation of Officers was officiated by Past District President June Coatney, current President of Albert J. Hickman Unit 460.
 - **President:** Vicky Seamon;
 - **1st Vice President:** Heather Marzan;
 - **2nd Vice President:** Jody O'Donnell;
 - **Treasurer & Secretary:** Nancy Person;
 - **Chaplain:** Karen Stewart;
 - **Historian:** Nancie McLees.
- Two Field Service Pins were awarded to members who donated a lot of personal time and energy to support Veterans, outside of our unit's work:
 - Lindsey Bittman received first award, for putting in over 100 hours of service.
 - Heather Marzan was also honored; she had the highest number of personal volunteer service in support of local Veterans, which amounted to over 500 hours.
 - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to take a quick meeting break.
 - ❖ **Second:** Lindsey Bittman.
 - ❖ **Unanimous vote.** We ate the wonderful pear-alicious bundt cake made by Nancie McLees during our 15-minute (or so) break.
- Membership Report:
 - One more member renewed, so our unit now has 30 members.
 - Vicky asked that each member try to recruit one friend or family member during the next fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30. This would double our membership.

- VA&R Report:
 - Stand Down will run from July 13-15 on the grounds of San Diego High School, as always. Our unit is scheduled to work during the morning of the 13th, serving breakfast (along with other District 22 American Legion and Auxiliary units). If you'd like to volunteer for any other job or time slot, you must either call the Stand Down Volunteer Line at 619-393-2011 (you'll talk to Heather M. or Lindsey) or click on the link I sent you to register on-line. This year there will be FEWER volunteers than ever before, and you'll need a pre-registration pass to enter. **June will begin our Stand Down sock drive in earnest.** Desiree has already collected 163 pairs of socks, which she has in her cubby at work. Jody has the three large bins we made last year in her garage. She and Vicky will ask around PB to see if there are three vendors who will agree to keep the bins. They will contact members via e-mail when they have bin locations confirmed. Once I know bin locations, I will write a piece for the Beach & Bay Press, put it on our Facebook account, and contact KGB radio again.
 - The VA Hospital has scheduled this year's Summer Sports Clinic for September 16-21. Volunteers are needed to physically help (injured Vet) participants in the water for swimming/sailing/surfing activities, on bikes, etc. If you are physically fit and would like to assist, volunteer applications are due no later than June 1st. Fisher House will be paying all participants' round-trip air fares for this six-day series of events.
 - Fisher House (along with the Mission Beach Women's Club) paid for the recent air fares of the World War II Veterans who traveled to Washington D.C. to visit the memorial built in their honor. The Honor Flight San Diego trip was completed a few days ago.
- Constitution & Bylaws:
 - This is the second acknowledgement of the change made to Section IX of our unit bylaws, which states that beginning July 1, 2012 (the start of the 2012-2013 year), our Senior membership dues will be \$26.00 per year (up \$1.00 from last year) and Junior dues will remain at \$2.00.
 - Unit 552's elected officers are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer/Secretary, Chaplain, Historian, and Sgt-At-Arms.
- Historian will have Mother's Day and Installation photos available soon. She's leaving town on Friday for several days.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Bank balance at last meeting (April 18th) was \$2,999.68; total receipts: \$475.00; disbursements: \$411.08; current bank balance is \$3,063.60. Of that, \$444.75 is for our poppy fund, and \$2,618.85 is for our general fund.
 - \$177.00 profit from 4/6 dinner was donated to the VA Hospital for canteen books, bus passes, haircuts, etc.
 - Mother's day brunch netted \$197.52; 10% was paid to ALA Dept. of CA as required, remaining 90% has been deposited into our poppy fund. Thanks to all who cooked and worked. It was a great success during May, which is Poppy month.
- New Business
 - Father's Day Brunch is scheduled for Sunday, June 17th. Vicky will put together a Mexican-themed menu and send out an e-mail to see which members can do what. She will also purchase and precook the chorizo. Nancy P. is unavailable to help until Sunday morning. Lindsey will be out-of-town that entire weekend.
 - ❖ **Motion:** made by Desiree Herrera to **not** offer free meals to dads (like we did for moms at the Mother's Day brunch).

❖ **Second:** Lindsey Bittman.

❖ **Unanimous vote.**

Karen suggested we decorate tables with chocolate kisses. Members liked the idea.

❖ **Motion:** made by Lindsey Bittman to donate Father's Day Brunch profits to Fisher House.

❖ **Second:** Desiree Herrera.

❖ **Unanimous vote.**

- Incoming President Vicky asked members to think about what programs or events might be meaningful to them for our 2012-2013 year of service. Nancie mentioned the possibility of having a "Sweetest Day" meal on October 16th (popular in the Midwest). Nancy confirmed she would contact Amanda Cross of the Armed Services YMCA to get more information on their back-pack program.
- June 3rd will be the next district meeting at Post 282 in La Mesa.
- A closing prayer was delivered by Chaplain Karen.
- Meeting was adjourned by our new President Vicky at 7:00pm. Next meeting will be June 20th at 6:00pm.
- Minutes are respectfully submitted by Nancy Person.