



**Pacific Beach American Legion Auxiliary Unit #552**

**Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2013**

- Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Vicky Seamon. Karen Stewart shared her last prayer as Chaplain. The Pledge of Allegiance and ALA Preamble followed.
- Attendance was taken by Secretary Nancy Person.
  - **10 Members Present:** Vicky Seamon (President), Jody O'Donnell (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice), Nancy Person (Treasurer/Secretary), Karen Stewart (Chaplain), Nancie McLees (Historian), Lindsey Bittman (Sgt-At-Arms), Jane DuVall, Sue Gibbons, Desiree Herrera, and Sandy Kurosky.
- Vicky confirmed that April's Minutes were sent out electronically and asked if everyone had a chance to read them.
  - ❖ **Motion:** made by Sandy Kurosky to accept them as is.
  - ❖ **Second:** Jody O'Donnell.
  - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**
- Treasurer's / Secretary's Report:
  - Bank balance at last meeting (April 17, 2013) was \$4,352.06; total receipts: \$618.60; disbursements: \$661.62; current bank balance is \$4,309.04. Of that, \$540.25 is for our poppy fund, \$965.63 is profit from our 2012 holiday party which we are saving for the 2013 party, and \$2,803.16 is for our general fund.
  - We netted \$189.35 at our Mother's Day brunch, so I added \$190.00 to our Poppy Fund.
  - I am still waiting to hear back from Lois Cornish, District 22 Secretary, about where to donate the \$100 we designated to the Wave Clinic. I will contact Suzie Tozier, District Treasurer, so we can get that money in the mail.
  - This coming Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, the World War II veterans who went to Washington D.C. in care of Honor Flight San Diego are returning home from their visit to the WWII Memorial. Several of our members will be meeting them, along with many Mission Beach Women's Club members. Currently Vicky, Sue, Larisa and Nancy will be going. We're meeting at the post at 1:00 and I'm driving. Our very own VFW member Phil Prather will be one of the veterans participating in this amazing trip.
    - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to have our unit pay for the airport parking.
    - ❖ **Second:** Jody O'Donnell.
    - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**

- I have sent in the reservation form and fees for Convention. Vicky and I are the two elected delegates, and Lindsey, Heather, and Nicole are alternates. Thanks to Ketra, we have a 2-bedroom suite reserved for three nights.
- June 19<sup>th</sup> is the Naturalization/Immigration ceremony at Golden Hall downtown. Karen has already made 23 poppy corsages and should have no trouble finishing another 27 by the event. Sue, Desiree, Vicky and I are planning on attending.
- I need to update the sock bins for Stand Down. We will still have four locations (other than the VFW Post which has its regular bin) but instead of Turquoise Coffee, which never collected anything last year, we will be adding the Olive Café in Mission Beach. Sarah Mattinson is very excited about promoting this event again with us. To repeat, our other three bins will be at Jane Swan Hair Styling (5151 La Jolla Blvd.), Tap Fever (683 Turquoise St.), and Union Bank (1706 Garnet Avenue, at Jewell). I will submit another PR piece for Coe's List (on radio station KGB) about the socks. She has mentioned it on air and printed it on her website for the past three years for us.
- I sent out the electronic June VFW Bulletin today. Watch the Beach & Bay Press this week. Hopefully, my article, "Pacific Beach Perfects the Harmony of Collaboration" will be published in the May 23<sup>rd</sup> edition. Also watch for it in the new Legionnaire newspaper.
- I will be making the \$3.00 SALS meal tomorrow night. Stop in for lentil soup and grilled cheese sandwiches between 5pm and 7pm.
- Girls State Report (in Margaret's absence):
  - Girls State Tea was held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Post 149 in Escondido. Girls State takes place June 17 through June 26; Margaret and Tricia Smith are planning on attending.
- Membership Report:
  - Our unit has 37 paid members; 27 renewals, two PUFLs, and eight new members this year.
- Old Business from the President:
  - Congratulations on another successful Mother's Day brunch. Everyone loved the food and commented how lovely the decorations were. The moms were tickled with their beautiful poppy corsages made by Karen. Vicky is sorry she missed it but was able to spend Mother's Day with her mom in Pittsburgh.
- New Business from the President:
  - We will be having a Father's Day brunch on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am until 12 noon. We will stick with a Mexican theme, since it has always been well-received in the past. Sue, Desiree, Nancie, Jody, and Vicky are all available to assist. Vicky will buy the chorizo and ham; she will coordinate with the others re: remaining purchasing, cooking, etc. *We did not designate a charity so we may take an e-mail vote before 6/16. Although I will be away, I will make the table flyers ahead of time, once I know the charity.*
  - The installation of our 2013-2014 officers will take place at the next meeting, June 17<sup>th</sup>. June Coatney and Ann Marie Brown both indicated that they would like to participate.
  - The VFW is still looking for people to hand out poppies this coming weekend, Saturday and Sunday. Please check the sign-in sheet at the Post to see what times/locations are available. Vicky recalled they needed volunteers for both days at Vons between 9am and 1pm.
  - Our Chaplain, Karen Stewart, has stepped down from this position. She will continue to be Poppy chair. Desiree Herrera and Nancie McLees will share the Chaplain job. Karen will make sure to deliver the greeting cards and stamps she bought as part of this Chairmanship.

- VA&R Report:
  - Stand Down will be July 12-14. Bin locations are mentioned above. We will only promote the collection of new socks in the bins. Vicky and I (and whoever else wants to help) will purchase new shoes with the money that has already been donated for Stand Down. We will deliver them to VVSD on June 21<sup>st</sup>. According to Desiree, a donation check should be on its way from her work.
    - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to use this check to buy more new shoes for Stand Down.
    - ❖ **Second:** Lindsey Bittman.
    - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**
  - Lindsey will check the VFW bin periodically and take any donated items to VVSD regularly between now and Stand Down. She's taking the first load (from the VFW bin and from Desiree's coworkers) tomorrow. She will also take all socks collected from July 1 through July 11 to VVSD, since Vicky and I will both be out of town.
  - Speaking of Stand Down, the volunteer telephone line is open. Lindsey is manning the line daily. Be sure to call soon to secure the volunteer position and time slot you want. 619-393-2011. Desiree will be there on the 14<sup>th</sup> to represent District 22. Lindsey will be a tent leader again for all three days.
- Community Service Report:
  - Lindsey, Vicky, and Sandy worked at the Jewish Family Services Hand-Up Food Pantry at Camp Pendleton on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Lindsey, Sue, Larisa, and Nancy made it on May 19<sup>th</sup>. It's a lot of work unloading and reloading the truck, but it's also very gratifying to be able to help so many families. The next scheduled visit is in the Murphy Canyon location (Kearny Mesa) which is much closer than Oceanside. Lindsey will provide us with the exact August date. Since the Camp Pendleton location is on the Northeast corner of the base, it is quite a drive (88 miles round-trip).
    - ❖ **Motion:** made by Sue Gibbons to reimburse Vicky and Nancy gas money for the drive. The agreed-upon amount was \$.20/mile.
    - ❖ **Second:** Desiree Herrera.
    - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**
- Historian Report:
  - Correction to last month's Minutes: Nancie has over 120 recipes so far (not 60, as I reported) for our "fundraising" cookbook she is putting together. Please get her more, if possible. She can be reached at 858-581-0136 or [mimisd51@gmail.com](mailto:mimisd51@gmail.com). She must submit her completed data by July if we are to have our books by Thanksgiving.
  - Nancie looked through another fundraiser cookbook put out by the VA Hospital. This one had several pages in the back that we might want to include in ours. The four pages are: Dedication; Facts and Stats; History; and Acknowledgements. She asked me to attempt to write some similar information. I'll do my best.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm. **Next meeting will be Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.**
- Minutes are respectfully submitted by Secretary Nancy Person.