



Pacific Beach American Legion Auxiliary Unit #552

Meeting Minutes April 16, 2014

- President Vicky Seamon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Co-Chaplain Nancie McLees led us in a prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance and ALA Preamble followed. Attendance was taken by Secretary Nancy Person.
 - **10 Members Present:** Vicky Seamon (President), Nancy Person (Treasurer/Secretary), Nancie McLees (Co-Chaplain), Sue Gibbons, Larisa Hall, Desiree Herrera, Sandy Kurosky, Ketra Slayton, Karen Stewart, and Mary Sumner.
- Vicky confirmed that the March 19th Minutes were sent out electronically and asked if everyone had a chance to read them.
 - ❖ **Motion:** made by Sue Gibbons to accept them as is.
 - ❖ **Second:** Sandy Kurosky.
 - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**
- Treasurer's / Secretary's Report (Nancy Person):
 - Bank balance at March's meeting was \$3,780.13; total receipts: \$955.05; disbursements: \$66.37; current bank balance is \$4,668.81. Of that, \$597.25 is for our poppy fund and \$4,071.56 is in our general fund.
 - We sold two more cookbooks at the rummage sale. I'm having a little difficulty reconciling the current status. If you still have cookbooks out on credit, can you please let me know? I do not have an accurate count of sold versus on credit.
 - Our rummage sale was successful, but a lot of work. We took in \$805.05 and spent \$22.37, leaving us a profit of \$782.68. We talked about spending some of these profits for Stand Down, some for the La Jolla VA Hospital, and leaving some in our bank account.
 - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to donate \$300.00 to the VA Hospital.
 - ❖ **Second:** Sue Gibbons.
 - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**
 - - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to donate \$300.00 to Stand Down (may be used to buy new shoes; didn't specify).
 - ❖ **Second:** Nancie McLees.
 - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**
 - We still have around \$450.00 profit from Bunco. Think about where you might want to donate money.
- President's Report (Vicky Seamon):
 - Thank you to everyone who helped to make our rummage sale a big success. I know it was a lot of hard/physical work and we may want to think twice before having another.
 - I attended the leadership workshop held on March 22nd at Post 460 in Kearny Mesa. The workshop focused on how to write reports and starting next year (which begins in July) we will begin a monthly process for collecting information on programs and what members are doing.
 - End of year reports were all turned into the district.

- I have submitted a scholarship application for Darren Walters, Jodie's husband. He is a 20-year veteran of the Air Force, and also a PB VFW and American Legion member. Jodie is one of our members. Darren was accepted into a new program (at San Diego State) in Rehabilitation Counseling for Veterans, which starts in the fall. Once we see if he gets any money from District 22, we'll discuss the possibility of our unit providing him with a grant for his books.
- Membership Report (Vicky Seamon):
 - As of today, we have five new members, two PUFLs (paid up for life members), four transfers, and 33 renewals. This brings our current membership up to 44. However, we cannot count three of the transfers until next year because they paid this year's dues to their current unit. We received an award at Sunday's district meeting for being one of the three (out of 17) goal units; that means we reached 100% of the district's membership target for us before the end of the year. The target was 40 and we have 41 on the books. Great job, everyone, for renewing and supporting our cause!
- Chaplin/Historian Report (Nancie McLees):
 - In case you haven't heard, (canteen manager) Jerry Henson fell down some stairs and was hurt; luckily, not too seriously. I have sent him out a get well card already, and will be sending a second one shortly. I also sent out electronic Easter cards to our membership, and three regular-mail cards to those members who do not use e-mail.
 - Scrapbook has been updated with the St. Patrick's Day meal. The Rummage Sale pix are next.
- Poppy Report (Karen Stewart):
 - Poppies are finally here. Karen will make corsages for our Mother's Day brunch.
- Girls State (Vicky Seamon reported in Margaret's absence):
 - We are sending four delegates to Girls State this year. They are from Mission Bay HS, Clairemont HS, Madison HS and University City HS.
- Community Service (Vicky Seamon read Lindsey's report in her absence):
 - Ocean Discovery Institute has another opportunity for volunteers. On Saturday, May 17th from 9a-1p, they are holding another Water Shed Avengers event at Hamilton Elementary School in City Heights. Look at their website for more details. oceandiscoveryinstitute.org ODI is opening up a new building in City Heights and there will be many new projects ahead!
 - Our unit is signed up to help at two upcoming Hand Up Food Pantry events, put on by Jewish Family Services. Four volunteers are needed for Sunday, July 27th at Camp Pendleton. Four volunteers are also needed for Sunday, August 10th (Lindsey's 24th birthday!) at Murphy Canyon. If you are interested, contact Lindsey directly.
 - Stand Down will be July 11-13 this year. The volunteer phone lines will be opening up on May 1st. As soon as Lindsey has the phone numbers she will pass them along to us. Friday, 7/11 is Legion Day; that's the day we usually volunteer. You can pass out food, work in the clothing tent, set up cots, input application data into the computer, or do other things; the VVSD website should have more details shortly on what volunteer opportunities are available at Stand Down. vvsd.net/standdown
- Old/Ongoing Business (Vicky Seamon):
 - The VFW really needs help distributing poppies in May. A sign-up sheet is behind the bar. They are looking to fill four-hour increments (9AM-1PM) or (1PM-5pm) on May 3rd or 4th. They've checked out the Vons in Liberty Station and they feel it gets a lot of foot traffic. Maybe a few of us can take one or two shifts together? Vicky and I agreed that we would be available for Sunday morning, 9a-1p. Anyone want to join us?
 - We will be having a Mother's Day brunch on May 11th from 9am until 12 noon. Cost per meal will be \$8.00, but as always, moms will eat free. Volunteers are needed for various things: coming in early (possibly the day before) and prepping the items (except the eggs) for the egg casseroles,

- cutting up fruit, baking desserts, making/slicing ham, setting up/decorating the hall, cleaning up, etc. Vicky will be sending out an e-mail as it gets closer to confirm volunteers.
- Relay for life will be held at La Jolla High on June 7th. We talked about putting together a team and calling ourselves the PB Poppies. However, I learned when trying to sign up that each member on the team would have to go online to sign up and pledge \$10 with a goal to raise \$100, and I wasn't sure that's what we wanted to do. I did not get any feedback from the American Legion or Sons of the American Legion in terms of forming a team together. Should we just volunteer for a few hours and donate unit money instead of walking?
 - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to donate \$100 from our Bunco profits and volunteer for several hours together.
 - ❖ **Second:** Desiree Herrera.
 - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**

Vicky will contact our neighborhood contact (Fran Merenoff) to find out what's involved with volunteering.
 - Naturalization Day has been moved to September 17th, so we have some time before we need to make poppy corsages and/or boutonnieres.
 - New Business (Larisa Hall):
 - Tap Fever Studios is having a recital at La Jolla High (750 Nautilus St.) this Saturday, April 19th from 2-4pm. Tickets are \$12/each in advance, or \$45/4-pack. At the door, they are \$15/each or \$50/4-pack. We need two volunteers: one usher and one ticket-taker; volunteer hours are 12:30 - 2:30. Vicky volunteered.
 - Does our unit want to submit an ad for the recital program? It might boost membership. *Yes, Larisa and Vicky will figure out what to say and Larisa will submit an ALA ad for the program.*
 - Sunday, May 25th is National Tap Dance Day. Tap Fever Studios will be providing a movie day to acknowledge this unofficial holiday. It will either take place at the post or the studios down the street. Movies will begin around 10am. More details to follow.
 - Tap Fever offers dance classes for everyone, no matter if they have the ability to pay, ability to move, etc. This non-profit organization works with the Braille Institute, has dancers with Cerebral Palsy or other motor-limiting diseases, and basically welcomes anyone who wants to take classes. They are looking for sponsorship for people who'd like to take classes. Several e-mails were sent out over the past month about possible donation money available; is that still true?
 - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to donate \$250 (the Tinsel Donor level) to Tap Fever Studios (from our Bunco profits).
 - ❖ **Second:** Nancie McLees.
 - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**

Nancy Person wrote out a check after the meeting and gave it to Larisa.
 - New Business (Desiree Herrera):
 - Saturday, May 3rd is Graffiti Clean-Up Day in PB. If you are interested in volunteering, show up at the PB Presbyterian Church on Garnet and Jewell. Working hours are 9am to 12 noon. There is no need to reserve ahead; simply show up.
 - There will be a blood drive on Friday, May 2nd from 9a-11a in Sorrento Valley. Contact Desiree directly if you'd like further details.
 - Sometime in Sept., the 34th annual P.A.E.S.A.N Police and Emergency Service Appreciation Night will take place. PAESAN is a unique community barbecue and awards ceremony created to honor emergency and park service workers in PB. The event is usually held at Crown Point Rotary Pavilion on Crown Point Drive at Moorland Drive. Desiree will have more details as it gets closer. Last year Desiree, Nancy (with Gary), and Cheryl (with Gary) attended. It would be great if we had a stronger showing this year.
 - New Business (Ketra Slayton):

- I met with two men who are trying to bring Team Vet (Veterans Employment Transition) to San Diego. They are both VFW members and this is a national 501(c)3 organization. The VA Hospitals around the country provide applicants. I have already found local classrooms they can use for free. I am working with them and trying to secure other supplemental assistance, such as housing transition. I'll keep you posted.
- New Business (Vicky Seamon):
 - The Dept. Convention will be held this year from June 19-22 in Santa Clara, a little south of San Francisco. Because of our membership, we are obligated to pay for three delegates. All present were asked if they were interested, and only Larisa responded.
 - ❖ **Motion:** made by Nancy Person to nominate Larisa Hall as our unit delegate at this year's convention.
 - ❖ **Second:** Karen Stewart.
 - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**

Larisa has a place to stay up there so we'll only need to pay for her airfare. She will check her schedule but would like to go and learn more about our programs.
 - Our year is almost up, and at this time I'd like to honor and applaud a unit member who always participates in our events, has a constant smile on her face, and puts forth time and effort above and beyond. Without her dedication and hard work, we would not have our fabulous "The Mess Hall is Open" cookbooks. It was her idea and she did 99% of the work! Please help me in acknowledging Nancie McLees with a Certificate of Appreciation. I have also nominated her for Unit Member of the Year. See photos below.
 - I would now like to have nominations for the following five officers: President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Treasurer/Secretary, and Executive Committee Woman.
 - Sue Gibbons nominated Vicky Seamon for President. Desiree Herrera seconded.
 - Nancy Person nominated Lindsey Bittman for 1st Vice. Sue Gibbons seconded.
 - Nancy Person nominated Heather Tidwell for 2nd Vice. Desiree Herrera seconded.
 - Desiree Herrera nominated Nancy Person for Treasurer/Secretary. Larisa Hall seconded.
 - Nancy Person nominated Ketra Slayton for Executive Committee Woman. Nancie McLees seconded.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.
- Minutes are respectfully submitted by Secretary Nancy Person.

