



## Pacific Beach American Legion Auxiliary Unit #552

### Meeting Minutes February 18, 2015

- President Vicky Seamon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Co-Chaplain Jody O'Donnell delivered an opening prayer.
- The Pledge of Allegiance and ALA Preamble followed. Attendance was taken by Secretary Nancy Person.
  - **8 Members Present:** Vicky Seamon (Pres), Nancy Person (Treas/Sec), Nancie McLees (Chaplain), Jody O'Donnell (co-Chaplain), Sue Gibbons (Sgt-at-Arms), Sandy Kurosky, Karen Stewart, and Marci Williams.
- Vicky confirmed that the January 21<sup>st</sup> 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:** Jody O'Donnell
  - ❖ **Unanimous vote.**
- Treasurer's / Secretary's Report (Nancy Person):
  - Bank balance at January meeting was \$2,917.31; total receipts: \$1,078.00; disbursements: \$215.69; current bank balance is \$3,779.62. Of that, \$501.86 is for our poppy fund and \$3,277.76 is in our general fund.
  - We sold one more cookbook, so we still have 46 available for sale.
  - As of before this meeting, we have sold 139 Pernicano's tickets. Our profit from that is \$786.25, taking into account the cost of \$25.75 to print the tickets and half of each ticket price going back to Pernicano's.
- President's Report (Vicky Seamon):
  - Three members attended the last District 22 meeting on 2/8. Our district won a t-shirt design contest and is now selling "RED" t-shirts; Remembering Everyone Deployed. They are encouraging members to buy them and wear them every Friday, until all deployed soldiers return home. Cost is \$20 and proceeds will go to the VA&R fund. Let me know if you'd like to see one and/or buy one.
  - The District will be conducting a workshop on writing End-of-Year reports on 2/28 at Post 6 at 3563 Adams Ave from 9 to 12. Everyone is invited to attend.
- Membership Report (Vicky Seamon):
  - Membership - Received one renewal since our last meeting. Membership now stands at 44. The Department set our membership goal at 43 for this year, so we have reached 102%. Our unit received five ribbons and five certificates of achievement for reaching all membership goals set by the Department. The ribbons will be hung with our flag and our 100% certificate is posted on our bulletin board.
  - Who We Are... We are the over 700,000 wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, grandmothers, granddaughters and descendants of veterans who served our great country during times of war. Patriotism and veterans advocacy are so important to the American Legion Auxiliary that for nearly a century, we've been serving, educating and giving to America's finest - our servicemen and women. We answer the call of Service Not Self. Next year the ALA turns 100 and their goal is to have one million members.
  - Membership benefits - Please check out this web site: <http://ala.memberdiscounts.co/perks>. There are hundreds of discounts for being an ALA member. Once you register using your membership number you will receive monthly updates. Discounts such as 20% on movie tickets, Sea World, grocery store coupons, etc.

- Poppy (Karen Stewart):
  - District Poppy Production Manager, Lois Cornish is looking for volunteers to help make poppies at the Wave Clinic. Whatever time you can give would be appreciated. She will teach you how and if you can't go there you can help put labels on at home. Contact her at [gloiscorn@cox.net](mailto:gloiscorn@cox.net) or (619) 427-3966.
  - Poppies have been completed and delivered to Districts 21 and 30. They are being finished up for District 25. Poppies for our district will be the last to be completed.
- Girls' State (Vicky Seamon for Margaret Smith):
  - The Girls' State Tea will be held on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Oceanside ALA. Margaret will be baking desserts to bring. Nancy may attend also, and all are welcome.
  - The school counselors (from four schools) have been very lax in selecting potential candidates and also in getting back to Margaret. We are hoping to have interviews scheduled shortly.
- Historian/Chaplain (Nancie McLees):
  - The 2014 scrapbook is complete and I am starting a new one for 2015.
- Old Business:
  - Bunco fundraiser will be held on 3/7 from 12 to 3. Thank you to all who donated items for our raffle baskets and prizes. We will have six raffle baskets and four Bunco prizes. I need all members to get out there and invite people to attend. Nancy is attaching copies of the flyer to these Minutes and I encourage you to print copies and spread the word. She created an event on Facebook and NextDoor.com for this fundraiser. She also sent in a blurb to the Beach & Bay Press which will be seen on their website. It would have cost money to go into their actual newspaper. We need volunteers to help with food, set up and clean up. I will send out an e-mail about a week ahead to coordinate what food we'll have and what we might need.
  - Amendments were approved at our last meeting, and copies were sent to the Department Chairman Michelle Soares on 2/3 for approval and signature.
  - Spaghetti dinner - our fundraiser at Pernicano's has proven to be a success. Nancy has already given an update on what we brought in so far; we won't have an exact profit total until the beginning of March. We still have tickets available and they can be used until the end of the month. We hope to use the money raised to support Veterans at the Chula Vista Veterans home and VA hospital. As we discussed last month, the Chula Vista Veterans home is looking to build shade shelters. They have very nice grounds around their buildings but no place for Veterans to sit in shade when walking outside. The ALA District is looking to fund this project and will be looking for support from the units. Also the VA is looking for money to buy bus tokens to help pay for Veterans' transportation to and from clinic appointments. They are still not getting funding for arts and crafts kits and are in need of such items.
  - The two evening dresses donated by Larisa Hall were given to the Princess Project. Princess Project promotes self-confidence and individual beauty by providing free prom dresses and accessories to high school girls who cannot otherwise afford them.
- New Business (Vicky Seamon):
  - Sue and I sorted through the barrel at the post. As a result, we brought eight bags of clothing to VVSD. We spoke to one of the guys there, and were informed that what they really need are toiletry articles: shampoo, deodorant, powder, soap, etc. Any size would be appreciated.
  - Soroptomists of Mission Bay are having a Bunco fundraiser on April 18th at the LiveWell Center in Clairemont. It would be great if some of us could attend since they consistently support us.
  - We will be assisting with a St. Patty's Day dinner of corned beef and cabbage on March 17. This will be in place of the \$3 Tuesday meal; cost will be \$7 per person. It will run from 3-7pm. The Sons will purchase the food and take care of clean-up. Our new member, Cheryl Bauman, will do the majority of the cooking. Our unit has been asked to decorate the hall, provide music, and create/distribute a flyer.
- Meeting was adjourned at 6:50.
- The next unit meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015.
- Minutes are respectfully submitted by Secretary Nancy Person.