



Post 552

American Legion Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: __6:00____pm

Officers Present:

Commander	Kent Vanhorn
1 st Vice	Mike Hill
2 nd Vice	Jeff Mullis
Adjutant	Doug Benzel
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon
Chaplain	Bill Bartle
SergeantatArms	Jim Vanderploeg

Other members: Jack Porath
Jim Winn

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of January 19, 2023 meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Baron Asher provided a donation of \$250 for American Legion baseball. Our CD matures on April 13.

Membership: Due to computer issues at National, the latest membership data is for February 3. 102 members have paid for 2023. Goal is 132 for a 77.27% rate. District average is 69.27%. The Post is ranked number 4 in the District.

Boys State: We will sponsor two boys this year. The guidance counsellor at Mission Bay High School has been contacted to identify candidates for interview. The District point of contact

must provide us the Boys State package. Selection needs to be done by the end of February. Kent will set up the interviews. Jim Vanderploeg volunteered to help with the interviews.

Sick Call: None

Unfinished Business:

American Legion Baseball-The \$550 registration fee for the Cobras has been submitted.

Support for Sunday Breakfast-The VFW breakfasts have been cancelled. We need cooks and Jim Vanderploeg will check his resources for possible volunteers. Kent will check with Graham Cornwell to find Navy support.

New Business:

Discussion of potential financial institutions to invest our CD in surfaced including Schwab and possibly others. Chase may not be the optimum choice. A motion was made and passed for Mark to investigate other institutions and their rates of return. He will report findings at the March meeting.

Elections for Commander, and 1st and 2nd vice, will be in May. Nominations will be accepted at the March and April meetings.

Good of the Order:

Mike announced the naming of the VFW hall as the Matt Jones Hall due to his generous contributions toward it's upgrades.

Kent announced the dissolving of Post 867 (Chula Vista). Post 537 is in the process of dissolution.

Doug announced the passing of the District 22 Adjutant, Ben Hyde. Funeral service and Celebrations of Life will be on February 28.

A reminder was made of Mary Lou's Benzel's Celebration of Life will be at the VFW 5985 Post on February 25.

Meeting was adjourned at __6:46 pm_____

/s/ Signed February 18, 2023

Adjutant