



Post 552

American Legion Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: __6:00____pm

Officers Present:

Commander	Kent Vanhorn	
1 st Vice	Mike Hill	Absent
2 nd Vice	Bill Marsh	
Adjutant	Doug Benzel	
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon	
Chaplain	Bill Bartle	
SergeantatArms	Jim Vander Ploeg	

Other members: Bill Heard and Al Baber

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Mark provided discussion of the October budget summary and balance sheet. He presented the estimated annual income from investments. The written agreement that Post 552 pay for ½ of the liquor license and property tax has not been seen by anyone. The Commander said he will discuss this with the VFW Post 5985 Commander to clarify and possibly draw up a new agreement.

Membership: FY 2024 membership is at 96. Our goal is 118. This is 81.36% of our goal. The District average is 63.59% and we remain ranked at number 4. Our effort in drawing members from Post 1000 has resulted in three new members. As a follow-up, Doug will

provide a list of nearby Post 1000 members to Jim Vander Ploeg who is going to contact them by phone or visitation. It was recommended we produce a business card that can be carried and distributed by members to new prospects. Bill Marsh agreed to draft a card for us.

Sick Call: Mike Hill is excused due to an illness.

Unfinished Business:

Fundraisers: Bill Marsh said we will plan to have our first fundraiser in March 2024.

Guest Speakers: Bill Heard said that Ron Harrell (Department Service Officer) will plan to be here at 6:45 on January 9 to make a presentation. VFW, AL, SAL and Post 1000 members will be invited. Bill is obtaining Ron's resume so we can send out an announcement for the event. Gabe Rowin will send the email to the VFW, AL and SAL. Doug will get it to Post 1000.

New Business:

Website: Mark said Liz Segre has cancelled three of our domain names with Name Cheap. This will result in a \$15.61 charge annually for our domain name. Other charges are being reversed.

Doug made a motion to provide Liz with a \$100 gift card for her development and maintenance of our website. It was seconded and passed. Doug will accept ideas and obtain a card.

Revitalization: Bill Marsh participated in a District 22 zoom call for revitalization of the American Legion. He said to attract younger members we need to provide items like video games. The District will provide gaming equipment or funds for equipment upon request.

Good of the Order: Bill Heard provided cards to encourage participation in Honor Flight. Recommendations can be made for war veterans to participate. Honor Flight San Diego can be reached at 800-655-6997. Holly Shaffner is the contact locally at 619-609-1669 or holly@honorflightsandiego.org.

Meeting was adjourned at __ 6:40 pm _____

/s/Signed

Adjutant