

American Legion Post 60

Minutes of the General Meeting January 11, 2012

Post Commander Mike Keithly called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Keithly, 1st vice Commander John Pearson, 2nd vice Commander John Dickey, Finance Officer Tim O'Leary, Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe, Post Service Officer Rob Garrison, Sgt. at Arms Ed Bulgin, and member at large Jack Knoblock. There were six members present

The minutes from the General meeting of December 13, 2011 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by Jack Knoblock and seconded by Rob Garrison to approve the minutes as submitted. Post Commander Keithly said there was an error in the wording under the heading Post Service Officer Report. The word "completion" should be changed to "competition". The minutes were amended. The minutes were approved as amended.

Finance Report

Tim O'Leary presented the "cash report" dated December 31, 2011 (see attachment). This is the final report for the calendar year 2011. The report was explained and discussed. The CD account was discussed. Tim will investigate moving the funds in the CD account into an account with a higher interest rate. Tim reported he did the sales taxes for the fourth quarter of last year. He did some adjusting which reduced the sales tax paid.

Post Commander Keithly appointed the following persons along with himself to the "new floor committee": Jack Knoblock, Joe Posluszny, Tim O'Leary and Bruce McCoy.

The motion was made by Rob Garrison, seconded by John Dickey to approve the finance report. The motion passed

Adjutant Report

Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe reported we currently have 169 members of which 134 are current with their dues.

1st Vice Commander Report

John Pearson reported that the volunteers are coming along pretty well. For upcoming events, John reported the Killingsworth funeral on January 22nd.

Post Commander Keithly reported Saturday February 18 will be the Chamber of Commerce fun run. The Valley County Commissioners meeting has been moved to February 29th. The Valley County Republicans want to have their luncheon at the post on March 17th.

There was discussion on the volunteer sign up board. The Auxiliary will coordinate the ladies portion of the volunteer sign-up. John will need to make phone calls to fill in those positions not previously signed up for on the sign-up board.

2nd Vice Commander Report

John said everything is going fine and he has nothing to report. John did say that sometimes there is space on the marquee and if there is anything the members would like to see put up there that is appropriate, let him know.

Post Service Officer Report

Rob Garrison reported that there would be no Oratorical contest this year as there are no entrants. Next year Rob will make the presentation himself at the high school. It was recommended that if possible we attend a teachers meeting at

the school so that they may be made aware of what scholarship programs, etc. are available through the American Legion. Rob said he also scheduled the end of February to start briefing the Boys State/Girls State event.

Valley County Service Officer

Mike Keithly presented quarterly report to County Commissioners on Monday. He did give the Commissioners a copy of our end-of-year report for Post 60 and copy of the Santa visit news release. Mike discussed the problems the elderly have with transportation in the area and the hours the post has put into trying to solve that problem.

Old Business

Funeral Service for Frances Killingsworth will be at the Post on Sunday 22 January, 2012. We need to identify the rifle detail, rifle detail commander, and bugler; Post Commander and Post Chaplain will do their required jobs. SSgt Engleston has been notified. She and another will do the Flag honors. Service begins at 2 pm. All hands need to be at the Post by 1:30 in full uniform. Joe Posluszny and the Auxiliary will provide food.

Santa's visit to the Post was a huge success. A press release appeared in the Star News on 5 January. Thanks to everyone for helping.

New Business

We've lost another valued member and friend, Jack Hart, who passed away on 9 December at the Boise VA Hospital. It has been decided by Jack's family to have his funeral service at the post on 21 April, 2012. Further details will be provided once they are known.

Mike gave the members information on the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care Benefits Overview publication 1B10-185P95996. The publication can be requested by calling 1-877-222-8387.

We donated \$500 to the Boise VA Home to help our fellow Veterans.

Mike asked the members if there was any interest marching in the McCall Winter Carnival this year on Saturday January 28th. Members interested meet in McCall. The parade starts at noon.

The Auxiliary has expressed an interest in painting the north wall in post lounge the same color as south wall. They also said they would like to make some window treatments for the big windows in the hall. Both projects were discussed by the members present.

Mike discussed the left over frozen meals. He asked DeLeah Eavenson to help by establishing a contact person in Donnelly, and also coordinate with members that live in Donnelly.

Dorothy Grimaud made a presentation to the members present to see if there would be any interest in a beard growing contest city of Cascade. There appeared to be a positive interest.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 2007 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keefe

Adjutant