

## American Legion Post 60

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Minutes of the General Meeting February 8, 2012

Post Commander Mike Keithly called the meeting to order at 1900 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Keithly, 1<sup>st</sup> vice Commander John Pearson, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice Commander John Dickey, Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe, Post Service Officer Rob Garrison, and Sgt. at Arms Ed Bulgin. There were 13 members present.

The minutes from the General meeting of January 11, 2012 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by Ed Bulgin and seconded by John Pearson to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

### Finance Report

Post Commander Keithly reviewed the "cash report" dated 1/31/12 (see attachment) for the members present. There were no questions on the cash report from the members.

Mike reported we have requested a floor bid from 5 or 6 vendors and one has come back. Mike discussed the areas of the post that we have planned on replacing the floor. He pointed out we are still in need of donations to cover the flooring cost and volunteers to help with the labor.

### Adjutant Report

Post Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe reported the total members as of tonight are 172 with the transfers of Cec and Gene Tyler into Post 60. 142 of our members have paid their dues. We are still working toward our 100% goal.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Report

John Pearson reported the volunteer sign up was going well. We need more volunteers to sign up for the Camber Fun Run coming up on February 18<sup>th</sup>. On February 29<sup>th</sup> the County Commissioners are meeting here.

During the time of the floor replacement, the hall will be closed.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Report

John Dickey reported we have no major problems with the building.

### Post Service Officer Report

Rob Garrison reported on the status of the oratorical contest. Due to no students signing up, the event was cancelled this year. Rob thinks the school is not getting the information regarding what have available at the American Legion in the way of scholarships and awards, i.e. citizenship awards, Post 60 scholarship, Oratorical scholarship award, etc. Rob and Jack Knoblock are putting together a flyer that breaks down all what we offer and what is available to them. He recommended we do that as soon as possible, so that it might be distributed at the upcoming PTO meeting. Jack and Rob will attempt to put this together before the PTO night.

Rob also reported Boys and Girls State is coming up and he is setting up a meeting with the school to make that presentation.

There is the possibility of a couple of requests for color guards coming up and Rob will look into getting those nailed down.

### Valley County Service Officer

Mike Keithly reported that most veterans do not know about the "Circuit Breaker Tax Benefit" that is available. Mike made a brief presentation that will be expanded on at a later date.

Mike asked Gene Tyler to look into what tax benefits might be available to veterans.

## Old Business

Funeral Service for Jack Hart will be held at the Post on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. We will need the full honor detail.

The Friday night dinners and other events volunteer sign-up sheets are posted in the front entryway. Please sign-up for which events/jobs you'd like to volunteer for, and offer to help when John Pearson calls for volunteers.

The plaques for the Pickards have both arrived. The shadow box plaque was shown to the members. We hope the Pickards can be here the last of this month or the first of next so that we may bestow these honors.

## New Business

This Friday's dinner will be prime rib. Jill Marolf will be at the Post to give out cookies to Veterans for Valentine's Day.

Jack Knoblock reported the bulletin will be sent to members via email and regular mail shortly.

Jack also said our polo shirts were now available from a local vendor. The price list will be at the Post.

March's Membership meeting will be on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of March, beginning at 6 pm. It will be very short as all of us will go up to the High School to be the honorees at the school's Spring Concert recognizing Veterans. Please wear your full Legion uniform, at the very least the blue polo shirt and Post 60 cap. There will be no meal at this short meeting.

Joe Posluszny reported on the status of the Four Summit bicycle event. There are currently 180 riders signed up to participate. The organizers for the event have gone to the Valley County Commissioners due to a conflict with the scheduling of road repairs on Highway 55. It is hoped the road repairs can be delayed or rescheduled.

Christian Zimmerman asked how many of the members present had been to the War Hawk museum in Nampa. He said they have been upgrading the facility recently. There is a new restaurant. On the first Tuesday of the month, they host a breakfast for veterans at 10:00 AM.

Christian said he made a recent presentation to Mountain Home AFB on the Flying Tigers. If there is interest, he can make the presentation to the members of the Post. He has a 25 minute Power Point presentation and an hour and a half film. There was interest in the program and it has been scheduled to follow our Friday night social dinner on February 24<sup>th</sup>, and to start about 7:30 PM.

Post Commander Keithly discussed the National Commander Fang A. Wong's message in the February 2012 American Legion magazine. The message refers specifically to Article II, Section 2 of the Legion's constitution, which currently reads:

“The American Legion shall be absolutely nonpolitical and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles nor for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or preferment.”

Mike briefly discussed the Article II, Section 2 as it pertained to Post 60.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully submitted

*Terry O'Keefe*

Adjutant