

American Legion Post 60

Minutes of the General Meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Post Commander Keithly called the meeting to order at 1850 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Mike Keithly, 1st vice Commander John Pearson, Adjutant Terry O’Keeffe, and Finance Officer Tim O’Leary. There were 12 additional members present.

District 9 Commander Don Holste was present and made a brief statement thanking Post 60 for their hard work for the Department, the district and the community.

The minutes from the general meeting of August 8, 2012 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by John Pearson and seconded by Frank Hennings to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

Commander Keithly reported the ladies in McCall are making “Quilts of Valor”. They want to know if we want to participate in their program. A sign-up sheet was circulated so that those interested could so indicate.

Finance Report

Tim O’Leary advised the members present of the financial status of the Post. The Cash report and Profit and Loss reports were not printed at this time. Tim will send them to the Adjutant and they will be included in the minutes for members to review. (See attachment). Tim will have an annual report ready for the November general meeting. The motion was made by Joe Posluszny and seconded by Al Gailey to accept the Finance Officer’s report as presented. The motion passed.

Adjutant Report

Terry O’Keeffe reported Post 60 currently has 168 members, with 107 having paid their 2013 dues. The Post has one new Legion member and three new transferees. David Cascio is the new member and the transfers in are John Roundtree, Ben Collins, and Donald Jussaume.

1st Vice Commander Report

John Pearson reported that since the Friday night socials have been limited to the first and third Fridays, there has been no trouble getting volunteers. John indicated the following upcoming events and leases: 20 October and 3 November- Medicare Classes; 1 November- Meet the Candidates at the Hall; General Election at the Hall on 6 November; Granite Excavation XMAS Dinner on 15 December.

2nd Vice Commander Report

Post Commander Keithly made the 2nd vice Commander report. The exterior walls have been patched, caulked and painted. Wade Olson will remove snow from our parking lots and our sidewalks this winter. John Dickey has agreed to take care of taking down and putting up chairs and tables in the Hall. He’ll do it late at night and Suzanne Ernsberger and John Pearson need to keep him informed of events and cleaning schedules.

Post Service Officer Report

Post Commander Keithly made the Post Service Officer report. The cost for Boys and Girls State has gone up to \$400 per person, and after trying to find another venue it has been decided by the Department to contract with NNU again for the next three years. There was discussion of other area venues making much larger bids. The Post Commander will check with the Department Adjutant to see if we could get those bids publicized.

Valley County Service Officer

There are some cheats and frauds trying to convince Veterans that they can help them, for a significant fee, to push through the VA claims for disability and Aid to Dependents claims. Beware; call Mike if they approach you. There is a way to check the status of your VA claims. Go online at <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov> and follow their prompts. You need to understand that this site is not always caught up 100% to other inputs, so, it is not absolutely accurate.

Old Business

John Bear and Post Commander Keithly attended the District 9 meeting at the Legion Hall in Emmett. Art Gimple is our new Idaho Department Commander.

Post Commander Keithly said the state adjutant wants to know the status of our by-laws. Mike will call the state adjutant and advise him they are up to date.

The red pig on the bar is for donated change for children. Post 60 bought and then gave back the bobble head for \$120. Again, this is a donation for children, and we might want to donate some of our extra toys this Christmas to the MSTI cancer ward for children. Perhaps we can give half to WICAP and half to MSTI cancer ward.

Casino night was held last Saturday and all profits went to the Cascade School District to help teachers purchase classroom supplies for their students. Post 60 cooked and served all the food.

Our Membership steak dinner went well last month and the two teams that Post 60 fielded for the Cascade Medical Center's golf fundraiser acquitted themselves very well in the standings.

New Business

Our Executive Committee agreed to donate free meals to the 23 volunteers who gave their time to build a small, but brand new home for Rich Deluca down in lower Round Valley.

We need to identify members who will be in the ceremonial detail on Veterans Day. The ceremony will begin at 1100, on Sunday 11 November at the Hall. Shortly after this ceremony we will muster our officers to conduct a retirement of unserviceable American flags at the Post. Terry O'Keeffe will be seeking volunteers for these two ceremonies.

The Post Commander will be asking for volunteers from the Post and the Cascade Chamber of Commerce for help in replacing Christmas lights on the trees of Main Street. As soon as they have lost their leaves, a count will be taken to see how many trees and strands need to be fixed.

Santa will be at the Post on 16 December. Mark your calendars. He will need a lot of help.

There will be no membership meeting on 12 December. Instead, the Legionnaires of Post 60 will prep, cook and serve dinner to the ladies of our Post, and then we'll clean up the mess. The bar will be open and this will be a nice way to thank the ladies of Post 60 who work so hard alongside of us. Joe Posluszny will post the work detail requirements so we can all pitch in and help.

The next District meeting will be April 20. It will be held at Post 60.

There have been questions from Veterans regarding Aid for Dependents, and the stringent requirements. Let the Post Commander if you know of someone needing this information.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1938 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keeffe

Adjutant