

American Legion Post 60

Minutes of the General Meeting January 9, 2013

Post Commander Keithly called the meeting to order at 1700 hours. The following officers were present: Post Commander Mike Keithly, 1st vice Commander John Pearson, Adjutant Terry O'Keeffe, Finance Officer Tim O'Leary, Sgt. at Arms Ed Bulgin, Post Service Officer Rob Garrison, Members at Large Jack Knoblock and Archie Banbury. There were 7 additional members present.

New Post 60 member John Lastar was introduced to the members present. John gave a brief synopsis of his past military and travel history. He was welcomed by the members.

The minutes from the General meeting of November 14, 2012 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by Tim O'Leary and seconded by Rob Garrison to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

Finance Report

Tim O'Leary discussed the financial status of the post as indicate in the Cash Report and Profit and Loss statements dated December 27, 2012(see attachments). The reports were discussed by the members present. The motion was made by Rob Garrison, seconded by jack Knoblock to accept the reports as submitted. The motion passed.

Post Commander Keithly inquired as to whether the propane bill had been resolved. Tim indicated that it had been and that our balance due was \$0.

Adjutant Report

Terry O'Keeffe indicated current membership was 169 and that approximately 80% of those members had paid their 2013 dues.

1st Vice Commander Report

John Pearson indicated that the volunteer status for January looked good. We will be having Friday night dinners every Friday unless otherwise posted. Please sign up on the volunteer sheets, posted out in the front entryway, for those jobs and Friday nights when you can volunteer. Robin Miller has volunteered to take over coordinating volunteers for decorating, set-up and cashiers.

The following upcoming events were discussed: January 18, 9-3 pm, District III elected county officials catered lunch at the Post; Olson party on January 23, catered dinner and bar; January 26, Ice Fishing Derby; January 26, catered dinner and bar; Cascade Jamboree Fun Run on February 16, catered dinner and bar; West Mountain Snowmobile State Ride on March 2, catered dinner and bar.

Post Service Officer Report

Rob Garrison indicated his next event was the Oratorical contest. He has not been to the school yet, and it is unknown if there is any interest there. If there is, we will need three volunteer judges.

Boys State applications are due the end of April. Tuition has gone up. We need to decide how many boys want to fund this year.

Jack Knoblock asked if we had made any progress on meeting with the teachers and making them aware what the American Legion has available to students. Rob reported he has not met with the teachers as yet.

Valley County Service Officer

If there are any members who do not know how to contact the Boise VA to inquire about current VA Programs, please contact Mike Keithly and he get you the information.

Old Business

For those who wish to thank or correspond with the ladies who made our "Quilts of Honor", their address is posted on the bulletin board.

The Santa event was very successful. There were almost 130 kids who came to the Post to get toys, cookies and a photo with Santa. We had a lot of extra toys, about 60 toys plus all the left-over candy went to WICAP, about 100 toys were delivered to St. Lukes Downtown Hospital. The staff divided the toys up so they were evenly distributed to the regular Pediatrics Ward and to the Pediatrics Ward across the street at MSTI, and the remaining 60 toys were delivered to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.

New Business

Paul Meyers volunteered to be our Webmaster for Post 60's Web Page, and John Ernsberger agreed to be in charge of inputting info that he receives from members. Thanks Paul and John!!

A big "Thank You" to Suzanne Ernsberger for coordinating volunteers for Post functions.

It is time for all of us to start thinking about this year's election of new Post Officers.

Eddie Murphy, a local Veteran passed away at the VA Home on 21 December, no services at the Post are planned. There will be a funeral Mass for him in the spring.

The McCall Mari Gras parade will be January 26. Those wishing to march in the parade need to meet at Post 119 at 11:00.

Jack Knoblock asked when we think the 4th of July parade should be held. It was the general consensus that it be held on the 4th of July.

Tim O'Leary commented on donation "Thank You" correspondence preparation. He said it was very important that the complete and correct names and addresses be obtained.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1955 hours.

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keefe

Adjutant