

American Legion Post 60

Minutes of the General Meeting March 13, 2013

Post Commander Keithly called the meeting to order at 1900 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, Members at Large Jack Knoblock and Archie Banbury. There were 12 additional members present.

The minutes from the General meeting of February 13, 2013 had been previously distributed to the membership. The motion was made by Archie Banbury and seconded by Jack Knoblock to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

Finance Report

Tim O'Leary distributed the Cash and Profit and Loss reports dated February 25, 2103 to the members present. The reports were discussed with the members present. The motion was made by Joe Posluszny and seconded by John Pearson to accept the finance reports as presented. The motion passed.

The post received a donation of \$5555.00 from Mark Picard for the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser.

Adjutant Report

Terry O'Keeffe reported the post membership is 171 with almost 90% having paid their 2013 dues. We are at 97% of the Department goal.

22 letters were sent to members who had not yet paid their 2013 dues. Two were returned as not deliverable. There has been no response from the remaining 20 members.

A letter of resignation was received from Dan Davis. The members present were made aware of the contents of the letter. The Post accepted the resignation

1st Vice Commander Report

John Pearson advised that the volunteer sign up is complete through the end of March.

John and Mike discussed the upcoming events. On Saturday, March 16 KWP hosts the Cascade Economic Summit at the Post. There will be a service at the Post on Saturday, March 23 for a past Auxiliary member Carmen Irwin. Post 60 hosts the 9th District meeting on April 20th. The annual Cinco de Mayo fundraiser will be at the Post on May 4th. On May 7th the Post will provide a catered dinner and bar for the PTO's Teacher Appreciation event.

2nd Vice Commander Report

Mike Keithly said there were no updates on the building or facilities.

Valley County Service Officer

Mike Keithly reported working with a veteran in the New Meadows area.

Denis Marguet has provided information on VA insurance programs. That information is available on our web site at www.post60news.com.

Old Business

Jack Knoblock briefed us on the results of the Post satisfaction survey. There were a total of 16 surveys returned. The results were mixed, but generally, those responding rated the Post as good.

Tim O'Leary finished his energy efficiency classes at the Post. Mike thanked Tim for his very informative program.

Make a point to visit the Post's web page. There is a lot of information and news on the site. If you have something you think ought to be on the site, or if you find something that is not working right, contact John Ernsberger.

New Business

Mike Keithly said he would be out of the country from April 24th until May 11. John Pearson will preside during the Executive Committee meeting on April 30th and the membership meeting on May 8th.

The nominating committee, John Ernsberger and Jack Knoblock, reported their results on interviewing interested members to run for the Post Officers for the upcoming year. The nominations are as follows:

- Post Commander-John Pearson
- 1st vice Commander- Jim Kirch
- 2nd vice Commander Dave Harvey
- Adjutant- Terry O'Keefe
- Finance Officer Tim O'Leary

The election will take place at the next general meeting on April 10th.

Terry Tipton's Post 60 Facebook link has been added to our web page.

The deadline for filing for the Circuit Breaker tax cut is 18 April; we recommend you apply before 15 April. If your income falls below a certain level, or if you are a Veteran with a service-connected disability, or if you are a widow or widower, or have a visual disability and are over age 65, you may qualify for a significant reduction of your annual property taxes. Go to the Valley County Assessor's office at the Courthouse to apply, you have to do this each year to receive this tax benefit.

The motion was made by Archie Banbury, seconded by Joe Posluszny to purchase 2 lots, or 2880 of the small flags for the 4th of July parade. The motion passed. The Cascade Chamber of Commerce has said they will pay for one lot, or half of the flags. The Auxiliary said they will pay half of the legions cost for the remaining lot.

The motion was made by Joe Posluszny, seconded by Dave Harvey to purchase up to \$200.00 worth of candy for the 4th of July parade. The motion passed.

Mike Keithly urged anyone that could to attend the District 9 meeting here at the Post on April 20th.

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

Respectfully submitted

Terry O'Keefe

Adjutant