



Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 20 May 2017

1. The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 20 May 2017 at 1008 by Post Sr. Vice Commander Trazena Jones (Kandie). Opening Prayer by Richard Cheney – Adjutant, and pledge of allegiance led by Trazena Jones.
2. Roll Call:
 - Ellison Lockett – Commander – Excused
 - Trazena Jones (Kandie) – Sr. Vice Commander – Present
 - Art Miller – Jr. Vice Commander - Excused
 - Claude Nave - Quartermaster – Excused
 - Richard Cheney – Adjutant - Present
 - Carl Edwards – Asst. Adjutant – Excused
 - Jason Caiado – Chaplain – Excused
 - Mike Keppel - Judge Advocate – Absent
 - Stanley Rux –Surgeon - Present
 - Stephanie Cornejo – First Year Trustee - Scout Chairman – Absent
 - Art Gomez – Second Year Trustee - Post Service Officer – Moved to Las Vegas
 - Paul Steelhammer – Third Year Trustee – Absent
 - Jorge Martinez - Sergeant of Arms - Excused
 - Marjorie Detiege – Website Chairman – Absent
 - Membership :
 - Rubin Avila – Absent
 - Richard R. Akin - Absent
 - Macario N. Cero Jr. – Absent
 - Danny Johnny Contreras Jr – Absent
 - Brian Chauvin - Absent
 - Lennie Dombach – Present
 - Michael Driggers – Absent
 - George Driscoll – Present
 - Roger Edwards - Absent
 - Ramon Fernandez – Absent
 - Phil Dougherty – Present
 - Alex Grimes – Absent
 - Jose Guzman – Absent
 - Bill Harbin – Absent



Terrance Holmes - Absent
Dennis C Hughes – Absent
Frank Kastl – Recreation Chairman – Absent
Mike Keppel – Past Commander – Absent
John Lytle III – Absent
Frank Macan - Absent
Lisa Maloney – Moved to Virginia
Jack Marino – Absent
Josh McKay - Absent
Shea E. Rooney – Absent
Emmett Schumer – Absent
Robert (Bobby) Siebenrock – Absent
Ruben Tapia – Absent
Patrick Whalen - Absent
Tom Zamaria – Absent
Bruce Bauer – Present
Kelly Thach – Absent
Edward Aderholt – Present
John Platt - Present

3. Richard Cheney, Post Adjutant: April minutes were emailed to everyone and posted online. Two corrections noted. Paul Steelhammer made a motion to accept the minutes as posted, seconded by Trazena Jones (Kandie). The motion was voted on and passed.
4. Introduction of new members: Edward Aderholt and Ben Burgos.
5. Guest: Les Berkheiser, lifetime member from TX, in town visiting relatives.
6. Quartermaster report.
7. Activities.
 - a. Phil announced bocce ball season is up and running, with four games played, with a split of 2-2.
 - b. Poppies will be offered to the public 25-27 May in Martinez and Pleasant Hill. Contact Kandie to sign up for a time slot.
 - c. Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Hall> Meet at 0830, ceremony at 0900, brunch served at 1000.
 - d. Picnic at Hidden Lakes Park on 15 July, 1200-1700. Everyone and family welcome. Phil and Lenny will be our chefs. Lenny said he's bringing his smoker, so expect good eats! Lenny also said the AL will contribute \$400 to the picnic. Kandie proposed Post also contribute \$400, second by Cheney. Motion approved with unanimous vote.
8. New Business.
 - a. Cheney led a discussion on his proposal to plan a rededication of All Veterans Park in Martinez. His proposal included the following elements:



- i. Separate plaques for the Martinez war dead for each major conflict – WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and GWOT. Cheney has begun this research.
 - ii. Work with the City Veterans committee to make this happen over the next year. Cheney has contacted the committee secretary and she said they will place this item on their agenda for the next meeting.
 - iii. Provide finances for the plaques; assume Park and Recreation will install (their cost).
 - iv. Organize and conduct the rededication on the 30th anniversary of the park on 28 June 2018 – over a year away.
 - v. Discussion on including AL into proposal and sharing costs. Cheney said he will approach AL.
 - vi. Driscoll proposed Post form a committee to work to this plan, with Cheney in lead, second by Aderholt. Motion approved by membership. Cheney called for volunteers to sign up after the meeting: Cheney, Driscoll, Aderholt, Bauer.
 - b. Cheney proposed the Hall install a new bulletin board on the lawn in front of the hall to replace the scrolling sign, which we have never figured out how to configure. The proposed board should be aesthetically pleasing, blend with the period of the building, but give us unrestricted access to update information we wish to give to the public. It should be big enough for by VFW and AL information to share its space. Lots of discussion, much of it dealing with the responsibility of the building committee, the cost of the electronic sign, and trying to get anything done through city hall. This was too controversial with too few members available to discuss. Kandie tabled the discussion until next meeting.
9. Closing.
- a. Cheney offered the closing prayer.
 - b. Kandie officially closed the meeting at 1120.
 - c. The next meeting will be 1000, 17 June 2017.