

Monthly Minutes
For Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351
Martinez, CA 94553
Saturday, 15 February 2020

The meeting of the Sidney Severns VFW Post 1351 was called to order on 15 February 2020 at 1009 by Post First Vice Commander Max Cero

Roll Call, Officers:

Trazena (Kandie) Jones – Commander - Excused
Rich Cheney – Adjutant – Present
Max Cero – First Vice Commander - Present
Ellison Lockett – Trustee - Present
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present
Art Miller – Second Vice Commander - Present
Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present

Members in attendance:

Timothy Gillet
Phil Dougherty
Emmett Schumer
Renato Asiain
Terry Horton
Frank Macan
George Driscoll
Frank Kastl

Opening Prayer: Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

Minutes of 18 January 2020

Rich Cheney reported that there were no corrections to the minutes published on the Post website. Cheney moved that they be accepted; Frank Kastl seconded; Motion approved.

Quartermaster Report

Claude Nave read the Quartermaster Report of the Post's financial books. Claude moved that they be accepted as read; Ellison seconded: motion passed.

New Members

Frank Rossetti is new to our post. He served in Vietnam in the Army. Claude moved we accept his application; Art second: Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Membership - Claude reported we need one or two new members to make All State honors.

Voice of Democracy (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Patriots' Pen (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Teacher of the Year (Rich). Matt Harrison was the post candidate and District winner. No news on the

Department competition.

Student Veterans of America (SVA). Our post sponsored students from SFSU with a \$500 donation. SFSU sent us a letter of thanks for the contribution (attached).

Bocce Team (Phil). Team held its first practice; looking forward to a new year of competition.

Mare Island Cemetery (Rich) Rep Thompson and Sen Dianne Feinstein are still pursuing VA responsibility. No change in the current Congress.

Honor Detail (Ellison). Nothing to report. Honor Guard demonstration in Napa for Max's granddaughter's class. Seeking new members.

Social Events. Kandie organized a Community social 29 March 2020 (1500 – 2100).

Prayer for the National Home - led by Jason.

District Meeting - Next District meeting is in Lafayette, April 18, 2020, 9am. 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Memorial Building (Ellison) County working on the lights.

Sick and Distressed - Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Stanley Rux, and Juanita Lockett, Carl Edwards' family member.

New Business. Rich proposed the Post contribute \$250 for the flower wreathes used by Martinez at the Memorial and Veteran's Day activities. Second by Claude. Unanimous approval.

Upcoming Dates – Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner – 8 March 2020. Cost will be \$15 for all you can eat.

Officer elections in April. Nominating committee is Max and Rich.

Closing Prayer - Jason.

Next meeting will be 21 March 2020, 1000.

Meeting adjourned at 1107

- Richard Cheney, Adjutant

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Rouah".

Andrea Rouah
Associate Vice President
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Mac Cero – First Vice Commander - Present
Ellison Lockett – Trustee - Present
Claude Nave – Quartermaster - Present
Jason Caiado – Chaplain - Present
Art Miller – Second Vice Commander - Present
Carl Edwards – Trustee and Asst. Adjutant - Present
Stanley Rux – Surgeon - Present
Shae Rooney – First Year Trustee - Present
Jorge Martinez – Sergeant of Arms - Present

Members in attendance:

Timothy Gillet
Phil Dougherty
Emmett Schumer
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Bruce Bauer
Terry Horton
Chuck Guthman
John Littell

Opening Prayer: Jason Caiado led the opening prayer.

Minutes of 8 December 2019

Rich Cheney reported that there were no corrections to the minutes published on the Post website. Cheney moved that they be accepted; Claude seconded; Motion approved.

Quartermaster Report

Shae Rooney read the Quartermaster Report of the Post's financial books. Shae moved that they be accepted as read; Art Miller seconded: motion passed.

New Members

Tim Gillette is new to our post. He served in Iraq in the Army and received his commission through ROTC using the Army's Green to Gold Program. He lives in Martinez. Cheney moved we accept his application; Mac second: Motion approved.

Committee Reports

Membership - Claude reported we need 6-7 new members to make All State honors.

Voice of Democracy (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Patriots' Pen (Rich) The 2019 program has closed out.

Teacher of the Year (Rich). Matt Harrison was the post candidate and also won the District award. He will next compete at State.

Student Veterans of America (SVA). Our post sponsored students from SFSU with a \$500 donation. The District also kicked in \$1500. With that money SFSU sent 5 veteran students to SVA's National Convention in Los Angeles. We're attempting to get them to speak to us on their experiences at the convention.

All State (Claude) we're at 80% need 6-7 new members.

Bocce Team (Phil). Signup now for the team with competition starting in a couple of months. This will be our fourth year of play, with each year's performance improving from the year before.

Mare Island Cemetery (Rich) Rep Thompson and Sen Dianne Feinstein are still pursuing VA responsibility. No change in the current Congress.

Honor Detail (Ellison). Nothing to report. Asked for honor guard to be ready for short-notice requests. Mac said his daughter asked for the honor guard to provide her school in Napa with a demonstration of how honors are rendered during a funeral.

Christmas Party Planning. Phil said the post needs to do a better job of organizing this event. Everyone left after eating and spent no time socializing. He and Ellison spent more time setting up than the actual party. Kandie said we would organize a committee to put this together starting next month. Phil also needs permanent help in the kitchen. Terry Horton volunteered.

Social Events. Kandie organized two events to open the hall to all vets: 19 January 202 – 49ers NFC game (1500 – 2100); Community social 29 March 2020 (1500 – 2100). These are experiments – participation will be the key to see them continue!

VFW National Convention will be held in Reno 18-23 July 2020. Carl said it is not too late to use his free access to rooms in town for this event. Contact Carl for more information.

Prayer for the National Home - led by Jason.

District Meeting - Next District meeting is in Lafayette, April 18, 2020, 9am. 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd.

Memorial Building (Ellison) County finished repairs in Scout Room.

Sick and Distressed - Jack Hafen, Terrance Holmes, Ellison Lockett, Frank Kastl, Stanley Rux, and Juanita Lockett.

Upcoming Dates – Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner – 8 March 2020. Details next month.

Computer and Printer – Up and running, available for everyone's use. Jorge Martinez asked if the Sea Cadets could use the computer for their tests under adult supervision. Second by Ellison; approved.

Closing Prayer - Jason.

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Meeting adjourned at 1100

- Richard Cheney, Adjutant