

American Legion Post 512

Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2020

I. Call to order

Brian Andrus, Commander Post 512, called to order the regular meeting of the American Legion Post 512 at 1910 hours on 2 November 2020 at Post 512, Carmel, CA.

II. Roll call

Roll call of the officers and/or board members was conducted. The following individuals present Brian Andrus, Richard Connelly, Anastasia Gonzales, Gerry Paratore and Mario Gonzales. With 4 members online and 6 in the hall a Quorum was present, and the meeting was called to order. Chaplin invocation conducted and POW/MIA flag was posted

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without corrections.

IV. Reports

- (1) Finance report: \$14,356 total in all accounts.
 - (a) Brian pointed out that the “go fund me” account for donations has in limbo as we waited on the IRS to update the list of authorized charitable organizations”. Anyone interested in contributing should use the PayPal button on our webpage.
 - (b) National has a fund for impacted Posts with a grant of up to \$1000. We will apply.
- (2) Membership report: None
- (3) Ways and Means: Property taxes are due in December. Friday openings are slow, but they are bringing in a little money.
- (4) Facilities report: The Home Depot grant is closed until 2021. The plan is to submit a grant request in the January/February time frame.
- (5) Service officer report: John Tomkinson has returned from Palo Alto VA hospital.

- (6) Americanism: Planning on going for the next “Boys State” selection. The Auxiliary is planning to sponsor 2 for Girls State.

V. Old business:

The Halloween night event was well received in the community. We had 30+ kids come by as well as members of the community and the police patrol. Everyone enjoyed the decorations courtesy of Brian and Lauren Andrus. We should build on this and continue to increase our public profile.

Planning for Veterans Day continues; The City will provide the flowers and wreath but will not set up the normal public gathering. The Post members plan to meet and gather at the memorials in the park to conduct a scaled back service and lay the flowers and wreath as always. A notice will be posted to the Post webpage.

Security cameras and security assessment: An assessment was completed, and 1 additional camera was added in the memorial hall to cover the rear windows. Audio would be muted on the monitors in the lounge and pool room.

Motion made, seconded and passed to accept the assessment.

VI. NEW Business:

- a) A discussion was had about our annual events calendar and how is traditionally in charge of each event. Generally, turn out to meeting is minimal and so is participation in planning and organizing. Consequently, just a couple of members end up planning everything. It was suggested that we pull together all the events into one location and develop a planning guide and establish a POC for each event – Sent to the Executive Committee for action.
- b) Planning for Thanksgiving dinner was taken on by Richard Connelly. With covid restrictions closing the Hall we are looking into alternatives to our traditional dinner in the main hall. Richard is coordinating with the Auxiliary and the Carmel Foundation to piggyback our efforts and explore pickup and or delivery options. It was suggested that this year we go to a needs-based dinner plan. The adjutant will canvas the membership. Time is of the essence Thanksgiving is just around the corner.
- c) Christmas Dinner was discussed, and it was recommended that we attempt to duplicate the Thanksgiving plan at Christmas.
- d) Buddy Check month coming up. The officers will make calls to member in the month of December

End of meeting blessing and the retirement of the POW Flag was completed

Brian Andrus, Commander Post 512, adjourned the meeting at 1958 hours.

Minutes submitted by: Gerry Paratore

Minutes approved by: general membership 8 December 2020