



MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART

FORT LOWELL CHAPTER 442

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MINUTES: Mar 16, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM at 3649 W. Rudolf Dr, Tucson, AZ. Meeting was moved due to COVID19 closure at the AZ ST Veterans home.

Opening Ceremony: Honors rendered to the Flag. Pledge recited. Invocation was given.

Roll Call: Present were Sr Vice-Cdr Bertagnoli; Trustee Moore; Finance Officer Zimmerman; Trustee Gilbert; Chaplain Giroux; TVAC Rep Bob Slocum & Historian Thompson. Excused were Cdr Dyer, Sgt-at-Arms Grand, & Jr Vice-Cdr Herron. A quorum was present.

Attendance: 9 chapter members were present.

Guests: - none

Reports:

Minutes: Motion to approve the January minutes was made by Patriot Gilbert. No discussion & 2nd by Patriot Slocum. Motion was approved unanimously. See the January minutes.

Finance Report: The Finance report for January/February was presented by the Finance Officer. The chapter had a beginning balance of \$35,827.03 and an ending balance of \$56,279.19. Patriot Gilbert made a motion to approve the finance report. No discussion and Patriot Moore made the 2nd. The motion was approved unanimously. See the January & February finance reports.

MOPH Golf Classic: Purple Heart Golf Classic was cancelled due to the COVID19 pandemic. Only one person asked for a refund (\$150). Donors realize their donations support veterans and are not primarily for a round of golf. Patriot Moore stated that we will have about \$70,000 in PH Classic income.

Americanism: Patriot Giroux provided the leadership awards for the JROTC program to the presenters to get to the appropriate schools. Patriot Gilbert made the second and the motion passed unanimously. Finance officer will mail checks to awardees once name and address are known.

VAVS/Welfare Report: Cancelled - No meeting due to COVID19 requirements at VA.

Tucson Veterans Affairs Council Report: There is a MIAP mission on April 25th. Funerals are restricted to 10 participants. Patriot Slocum provided flyers for several events to Patriot Moore to add to the calendar. September 19th is the NamJam Car Show at Chuy's. October 10th is NamJam at Reid Park. There may not be a Hats-Off-to-Heroes celebration by the City of Tucson for Veterans Day. City has not decided yet.

VA VSO Meeting: Cancelled - No meeting due to COVID requirements.

Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans Report: Cancelled - No meeting due to COVID19

Commander's Report: No report.

Old Business:

Bingo: Cancelled due to COVID19 requirements from VA.

Challenge Coins: Delivery has been delayed 2 to 4 weeks due to COVID19. The cost of the coins with shipping included was \$97.00 more than originally budgeted. Patriot Moore made a motion to raise the approved amount for the coins to \$2297.00. Patriot Gilbert made 2nd. The motion passed unanimously

SEE4VETS Donation Request: From January is tabled until we have approved a budget.

Annual Reports: Patriot Moore reminded everyone responsible for an annual report to check the due dates. They are due in April, May, or June depending on the report.

New Business:

Expenditures: Since the last meeting the officers approved by email vote \$86.46 for printer paper for PCC veterans, \$290.00 rent assistance for Veteran Johnson, & \$167.00 property tax assistance to a Gold Star Mother. Motion was made by Patriot Slocum to place into the record and a 2nd was made by Patriot Gilbert. Motion was approved unanimously (see warrant log).

Memorial Day at PH Park: PH Park is closed due to COVID19. Patriot Giroux will look at holding some type of ceremony or tribute by video.

Budget: A budget worksheet was provided to the membership to look over and make recommendations for the annual budget. The budget will be voted on at the next meeting.

Elections: Nominations for elected positions are Cdr – Patriot Dyer, Sr Vice Cdr – Patriot Bertagnoli, Jr. Vice Cdr – Patriot Thompson, Sgt at Arms – Patriot Grand, Finance Officer – Patriot Zimmerman, - Trustees – Patriot Slocum & Patriot Gilbert. A motion was made by Patriot Giroux to approved the slate by acclimation since all offices only had one candidate. A discussion was held that if Patriot Dyer who was absent did not accept the office of commander Patriot Bertagnoli would accept the position of Cdr. Patriot Moore will contact Patriot Dyer about accepting the office of Cdr. Patriot Moore seconded the motion to approve the slate of officers. The motion passed unanimously. The new officers will be sworn in at the April meeting.

Good of Order: Patriot Moore stated that the AZ ST Veterans home will not be available for the foreseeable future due to COVID19 and we will need to find a temporary meeting place for the interim. Patriot Bertagnoli offered his residence if needed.

Closing Ceremony: Moment of silence for departed Patriots. Benediction and Honors to the Flag.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. Next meeting is Apr 20th. Meeting place TBA.