

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5 2020 AMERICAN LEGION POST 246 REGULAR MEETING

12:27 HAND SALUTE TO FLAG. POW MIA EMPTY CHAIR HONORED. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (CHANGE HAND SALUTE COVERED OR NOT). PREAMBLE TO OUR CONSTITUTION.

12:30 COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL DECLARED THE MEETING OPENED.

12:31 COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL ANNOUNCED SPEAKER FOR THE DAY SAN RAMON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CHIEF PAIGE MEYER. HE JOINED THE DISTRICT IN MARCH 2013 COMING FROM HIS DUTIES AS CHIEF OF THE VALLEJO FIRE DEPT. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE EAST BAY REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AUTHORITY. HE IS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE SAN RAMON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE IS A BOARD MEMBER AND SECRETARY FOR LEADERSHIP SAN RAMON VALLEY AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER DUTIES THAT CAN BE STUDIED IN FEBRUARY SALVO. CHIEF MEYER SPOKE ABOUT THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR EMS AND FIRE PROTECTION. THE EMS FUNCTION HAS THEIR OWN AMBULANCES AND TAKES CARE OF PEOPLE FROM AN OCCURANCE ALL THE WAY TO THE HOSPITAL. HE INSTITUTED THE SERVICE OF DEDICATED AMBULANCES AND FIRE TRUCKS IN HIS DEPARTMENT. CHIEF MEYER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING PROPER FUNDING OF THE DEPARTMENT. IT WAS INTERESTING TO FIND OUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF FIRES WERE GRASS FIRES. THIS WAS BECAUSE OF GOOD PREVENTION PRACTICES BY THE PUBLIC IN THE VALLEY. HE MENTIONED THAT THERE IS NO COORDINATION BETWEEN PGE AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHEN PGE PLANNED A SHUTOFF OF POWER.

1:20 COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL PRESENTED CHIEF MEYER WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND AMERICAN LEGION COFFEE MUG.

1:22 TIME WAS TAKEN FOR THE ATTENDEES TO ANNOUNCE THEMSELVES.

1:25 ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY TOOK ROLL CALL ABSENT WERE : FINANCE OFFICER PHIL CONNOLLY, AND FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DICK SEAVEY, NEIL GILES, MARK HEINEMANN, AND RON ROE.

1:28 ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY READ THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 8TH MEETING. RANDY REID MADE MOTION TO ACCEPT AND RAOUL MIRANDA SECONDED AND IT WAS ACCEPTED BY VOICE VOTE.

1:30 OFFICERS REPORTS COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL GAVE THE FINANCE REPORT. HISTORIAN JERRY LINDAHL IS STILL SEEKING POST PICTURES. ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY NOTIFIED THAT HE IS SELLING TICKETS TO THE MARCH 14 CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE FUND RAISER TO BENEFIT THE VMB. 2ND VICE COMMANDER ALAN SCHARLACH REPORTED THAT THE BOY SCOUTS DID A GREAT JOB WORKING AT THE CRAB FEED. 3RD VICE COMMANDER RANDY REID REMINDED US OF THE DISTRICT 9 CRAB FEED ON FEB 8. COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL AND 1ST VICE COMMANDER

MICHELLE LEE ARE CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS STATE. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR FUNDING. COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL SAID THERE WAS A LAST MINUTE ENTRY FOR BOYS STATE AARON SHIRES WHO WON BOTH POST 246 AND DISTRICT 9 CONTEST AND WILL MOVE ON TO THE AREA 2 CONTEST LATER THIS MONTH.

1:40 OLD BUSINESS COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL THANKED THE VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED THE CRAB FEED THAT WAS A SUCCESS TO THE TUNE OF NETTING OVER \$7000. HE THANKED THE FOLLLOWING FOR THEIR HELP: GARY SOTO, ALAN SCHARLACH, MICHELLE LEE, PHIL CONNOLLY, SANDY KAHN, BOB SADA, LEROY VARES, ED OTT, BOB LANDY, BOB SEELY, RANDY REID, AND DICK SEAVEY. COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL REPORTED THAT WE STILL HAVE VARIOUS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED: FIRST AND FOREMOST IS CHAPLAIN ALSO NEEDED, ASSISTANT ADJUTANT, ASSISTANT SGT OF ARMS, AND A SUPPLY OFFICER..

1:43 NEW BUSINESS COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL ANNOUNCED THE CHILI COOK-OFF ON MARCH 29TH THAT WILL BE AT THE VMB AS A FUNDRAISER FOR DISTRICT 9 FROM 2-5 WITH MARK HEINEMANN IN CHARGE.

1:45 UPCOMING EVENTS COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL REMINDED THAT BOB LANDY WAS SELLING TICKETS TO THE VMB CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE FUND RAISER ON MARCH 14TH

1:46 CLOSING COMMANDER ERIC ARDELL DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED.

ADJUTANT ROBERT LANDY