

## **OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES 17 August 2019**

### **Financial Report**

Phil reported balances: Checking \$9,875; Savings \$130,220; CD pending  
Discussed Budget (calendar or membership); Phil recommended calendar  
to coincide with tax year; board agreed

CD setup: Phil is working with Fremont Bank because of problems with  
Wells Fargo

Eric questioned financial records (Acct #s, passwords, pins, etc.) & security  
of them; concerned about continued. Connolly disagreed; four  
officers have authority, can conduct business simply on their name.  
Currently those officers are Ardell, Connolly, Landy, and Reid.

Ardell brought up Post merger/dissolution process, asset disbursement  
concerns long term. Dissolution is well covered by Dept and  
National but may need mention in our By-Laws. Asset disbursement  
should also be covered in By-Laws with regard board desires in broad  
terms.

### **Membership**

Ardell 55% as of 8/12.

Ardell made available generic Mt. Diablo Post 246 business cards.

Has set a goal of 100% by Dec 2019 and 200 total members for 2020.

Ardell will establish a challenge that every member recommend/sign up 1  
new member.

Ardell will distribute post 1000 list of potential members along with info  
and how to sign up new members.

Ardell also recommended a rewards incentive. Giles recommended dues of  
new members cover the reward. Set member who signs up 5 new  
members will get 1 yr free membership; member who signs up 15  
new members will get 3 yrs free membership. Board agreed.

Membership records (bio's & DD-214s). Landy not present.

Ardell described lack of ability to perform honors for deceased members  
and others. VMB trustees discussed; will not take lead but would  
support VSOs establishing a pool of volunteers to be trained and  
services offer if a team is available. Ardell will put note in SALVO.

## **Programs/Events**

9/11 Remembrance (Exchange Club): Ardell recommend attendance

Boys and Girls State Luncheon: This is October meeting, members should attend

Veterans Day: Ardell explained no VMB plans since many will be on trip to Vietnam. Banquet hall available to American Legion if wanted. Board indicated no interest.

Wreaths Across America: Connolly reminded us of this event in December and help will be needed to handled wreaths before the event

Oratorical Contest: Ardell and Giles discussed post contest to be held before the crab feed to support district/area contests. Ardell suggested Sunday as a day, but consensus was a weekday evening. Giles to pick the date and start getting word to schools.

Boys and Girls State (Ardell / Lee): Ardell indicated will be looking for interview assistance in February, early March timeframe.

District 9 VA Martinez BBQ: Reid stated event will be held 12 or 19 Oct; members are encouraged to volunteer to help.

Crab Feed: Ardell stated event will be Saturday, 25 Jan 2020. Ardell asked all to suggest business, groups, etc, who may donate for raffle, auctions. Wants to get letters out in November, preferably hand delivered. Discussed inviting dignitaries, i.e., Danville town council and Catherine Baker. Thought is to invite as guests of the post.

VMB Corn Beef & Cabbage Dinner (Landy)

Memorial Day (VNVDV)

Swearing-in Ceremony (Ardell)

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Veteran Outreach: Heinemann spoke to organizing a District 9 fundraising event to support membership costs and activities of student vets attending local community colleges (DVC, CCC, and LMC). Meetings are scheduled for second half August with college administration and faculty representatives to plan for AL support to Fall Semester activities of the three student vet groups. Post 246 members were asked to donate back issues of *American Legion* magazine to supply to Veteran Resource Centers at the three colleges.

**Donations - No discussion**

Set total dollar amount?

Review list of past donations (Phil Connolly summary)

Sentinels of Freedom

Concord Vets Center, Vets Guitars

Veterans Outreach, District 9

**Fundraising**

Ardell stated income is membership and Crab Feed but operating balance is still shrinking; need to cut expenses or raise revenue. Asked for ideas

**Required Reports – No discussion**

Consolidated Post Report – Submitted online

Other Reports

**Speakers**

Ardell asked for Program Director recommendations

Current lineup:

Sep – Christine Sevier, Senior Living Advocate: Creating New Hope

Nov – Jim Liang, Family Service Counselor, Stone Mortuary:

Veteran Burial Benefits

Potential speakers:

Maurice Delmer Outreach Specialist, Department of Veterans Affairs

Concord Vet Center

Maria Barsotti, Assistance League of Diablo Valley, TeleCare program

Tina Beauchamp, Program Operations Director, Freedom House, Trafficking Support

No new suggestions made

**Filing System – No discussion**

Financial

Reports

Membership

## **History**

Ardell requested anyone with post related pictures please send them electronically to Jerry for our history books, including captions identifying people and event.

Other history initiatives