



Sons of the American Legion  
Meeting Minutes  
July 09, 2022

Attendance: Chris Thomas, Bob Terrell, Dave Stezaker, Ron Feist, Gordon Spencer

Meeting called to order: 14:00

Finance Report: Chris reported there is a balance of \$2,171.00 in the bank. Banking institutions have been changed recently from KeyBank to WA Federal Bank due to the additional fees KeyBank was charging. Chris made a motion to have Bob Terrell close the account at KeyBank and transfer all funds over to WA Federal Bank. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Chris stated he is in possession of a debit card and the check book is in the SAL desk drawer in the office.

New Business:

1. Chris reported there will be a backpack giveaway program for K-High School residents on August 6, 2022. The purpose of this program will be to help those school age children who need school items and to provide a service by the Sons of the Legion. It will also help get the SALS program more known in the community. There will be at a minimum of 300 backpacks and supplies to fill them with (pens, pencils, scissors, glue, paper, etc.) Kim Shires (the Legion Adjutant) will be creating an Amazon account where the backpacks will already be pre-filled allowing anyone who wants to purchase one or more can do so. C. Thomas and K. Shires will be approaching local vendors and to AML Post #22 to request donations. The local school districts have already been notified of the event. Chris has requested the SALs to donate \$500.00 towards the backpack program. Bob made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the backpack program. Gordon seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Chris reported he would like to purchase a 10' by 10' embroidered pop- up tent that can be used for all four of the American Legion branches at any event; Hodge Post 17, the Riders, the SALS, and the Auxiliary. The cost of the tent is \$621.80 plus \$95.00 shipping. Chris has requested a donation of \$200.00 from each of the branches. Ron Feist made a motion for the SALs to donate \$200.00 towards the pop-up tent. Gordon Spencer seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Chris recommends the SALs involve the Boy Scouts of America help bring in more youth to the program and introduce them to SALs. All were in favor of this idea.
4. Chris reported he is beginning to work on bringing the junior marksmanship program back to the SALs. He has been working with the Commander from Post 147 in Yelm who has a good program started. Chris has also spoke with the owners of the Man Cave Outfitters who stated they would be open to donations for the program.

5. Chris reported the AML has not updated the memberships therefore no new cards have been sent out yet. Bob reported the memberships don't expire until the end of 2022.
6. Chris reported a letter from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc. was received in June congratulated the SALs for their 100% per capita goal in donations to the Foundation in 2022. The red piggy banks that are placed on each of the tables at the legion is where the donations are made from. The Foundation sent a banner which has been placed on the SALs flag.
7. Chris has suggested the SALs be more consistent schedule for meetings. Having regularly scheduled meetings will help so notices of the meeting times/dates can be posted to provide ample time for planning attendance by all members. A suggestion of the last Saturday of the month every other month at 2 pm be the meeting date. All agreed on the meeting date/time.

No further business. Meeting adjourned at 14:44.

Scribe: Linda Patraca