



AMERICAN LEGION POST 402

Minutes for General Meeting December 2, 2024

OPENING – The meeting was called to order at Emerald Coast Post 402 by Commander Warren Boutchia at 1803 hours. The flag of our country was saluted, and opening prayer was given by Chaplain Ed Nendick. Acting Sergeant of Arms Bob Hoffman draped the POW chair and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

GUESTS – Lexi, assistant Manager PCB Texas Roadhouse spoke about the fundraising night on Tuesday December 17 from 3pm-10pm with Ten Percent of meal prices being donated to post 402.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION COMMENTS/DISMISSAL – The Sons were dismissed to conduct their meeting. Auxiliary members left the room.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS – Six (6) Legion officers were present: the Commander, Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Adjutant, and the Veteran Service Officer.

The Legion Riders Director was also present.

The Sergeant at Arms were excused.

The Son's Commander was present.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

NEW MEMBERS – We had membership applications from Scott C. Hoskins, Wesley R Traver, and Waylon S Truelove. Transfer applications were received from Allan A. Preslaski and Jay K. Lacey. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the new members. Motion passed.

MINUTES – The minutes of the November meeting were distributed by email. A motion was made, and seconded, to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – The Finance Officer, Kathy Johnson, read the account balances. A motion was made, and seconded to accept the report subject to audit. Motion approved.

VSO REPORT – VSO Adkins advised he received back all equipment that was loaned and said equipment is available if need arises. Additionally, he advised he had received “numerous” cases of MRE’s as a donation.

MEMBERSHIP – Vice Commander Sean Fowler stated that we have 118 members paid for 2025 which puts us at 65.56% of our goal.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW POST ADJUTANT – The Commander, Warren Boutchia, appointed Michael Abee as the Adjutant for Post 402. Members voted to confirm the appointment.

UPDATED CONSTITUTION/BYLAWS – Documents were mailed to the Department Headquarters which were signed as received on November 9, 2024.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER – The Finance Officer, Kathy Johnson, made a motion that previously received gift cards are to be sold at a \$5.00 Discount (\$25 for a card with a \$30 face value). Motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUISNESS

QUEEN OF HEARTS – The Finance Officer, Kathy Johnson, made motion to initiate a Queen of Hearts Game on Monday evenings beginning January 2025. Activity would require movement of TAL Meeting nights to be the first Tuesday of subsequent Months indefinitely. Motion was seconded and passed.

BOND INCREASE – The Finance Officer, Kathy Johnson, made motion to increase bond amount from 10k coverage to 25k coverage. Motion was seconded and passed. Additional information was received that the approved increase will only be \$1.00 per year.

NEW FLAG – The Finance Officer, Kathy Johnson, made motion to purchase a new American Legion flag to replace our current/damaged one. Motion was seconded and approved for a single sided flag.

BINGO – Bingo will be held on:

December 21st, 1300 hours. There will be Legion Hot Dogs and Chips available followed by Bingo.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

CHRISTMAS PARY – Post Christmas party this year will be on December 13th at 1700 hours.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – 1400 hours, Saturday, December 14th West Bay Cemetery.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE DINE NITE – Tuesday, December 17th between 1500 and 2200 hours. (Must mention Flyer/Donation).

BIKE NIGHT AT SALTY GOAT – will be held on December 27th 1730 to 2030 hours.

POST EXECUTIVE BOARD – The Post 402 Executive Board will meet by DISCORD on Monday, December 30th at 1800 hours.

CLOSING

CLOSING PRAYER – The closing prayer was offered by Chaplain Ed Nendick.

MEETING ADJOURNED – By Commander Warren Boutchia at 1906 hours.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7th at 1800 hours.

Michael Abee
Adjutant

Warren Boutchia
Commander