



**American Legion  
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**Joseph Maltese  
Commander  
2022-2023**



**Barry Litsky  
Adjutant  
2022-2023**

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Meeting called to order at 1900hrs.

Opening ceremonies.

Roll call: Frank Nichols sitting in as adjutant. Quorum achieved

No correspondence

Minutes for May General Assembly posted on line. A motion to waive reading and approve as posted on line was made by Craig Bernat and seconded by Becky Murphy. Motion carried.

A motion to waive the reading of the executive committee minutes was seconded and carried. (Available for review from Adjutant)

Guests: This is a Legion Family meeting. Representatives from the Auxiliary and the SAL are present. Also two potential new members: Richard Hussong, David J. Tagard. Auxiliary President Dee McFarland spoke. She stated that the 2023-2024 officers had taken their positions and were working to continue the work of the Auxiliary and to establish new fund raiser.

Finance report: Finance Chair Craig Bernat presented the finance report. (Full report available upon request from adjutant.) SAL now has their own checking account. Commander Maltese commented on the funds coming into our building account from Post 129. He explained that there was a schedule for disbursements. For our most recent disbursement, we took less than the scheduled amount and will continue to do this when possible, in order to save interest charges on unused funds. Mentioned the importance of receiving donations and grants. Motion to accept the finance report as presented subject to audit made by Mark Shelton and seconded Mike Montenera. Motion Carried. Comrade Bernat mentioned that we probably should have QuickBooks for Riders and Sons as well as Post. Motion was made by Steve Easton and seconded by Mike Montenera to subscribe to Quickbooks on-line. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Post 372 will finish the year exceeding our membership and retention goals. Our membership is currently 232. 2024 membership renewal now open. Please renew your membership as soon as possible. Motion by Mark Shelton to vote in David and Richard and 16 HQ transfers. Seconded by Steve Easton. Unanimous yes vote. Welcome to David and Richard.

Old Business: Commander Maltese recognized and thanked all who were involved with the School Medal program. Mike Montenera, Sandra and Mark Shelton, Frank Nichols, and Alan Painter.

Post #372 Legionnaire's General Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 1900 hours, at the Williams Family YMCA on San Jose Blvd. in Mandarin.

Finance Officer Bernat reported that a veteran owned tree service will donate their services to our veteran in need. (She is on full disability and has a tree that is threatening the roof of her house, and must be removed) It was suggested that the Legion Family once again gather at the veterans home to help remove the tree after it was felled. Craig explained that the tree service would not allow that due to insurance concerns. The membership voted to supply lunch and drinks to the tree company employees.

Commander Maltese provided update on Post Home project. PUD permit has been submitted but not filed. It is time to start staffing the committees NOW. Some of the committees already have things to do, and the others will need to be ready to hit the ground running when the PUD and permits are approved.

New Business: Frank Nichols brought up the Boy Scouts at the Elks. Do they need a new home?

Commander stated that the District installation of our officers will occur on August 10<sup>th</sup>. We cannot wait till August to begin our year, create our budget, etc. Bylaws state that officers will retain their positions until relieved when new officers are installed. Commander Maltese suggested new officers take their posts on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Craig Bernat made motion that new officers take their posts on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Becky Murphy seconded. Unanimous yes vote. Motion carried.

Christ Church Academy wants to field an American Legion Baseball team. Commander Maltese strongly encouraged our post to sponsor the team since it is a Mandarin School and will generate positive publicity for the Post. Comrade Steve Easton said he would donate \$200 toward the registration fee. Motion to sponsor team and seconded. Motion carried. The Post will cover \$340 insurance cost.

Next fireside chat: Pool Party at Alane's house on July 22

Post 137 Past Riders Director, Sheryl Shelton died last week Her interment will be at JNC on June 19<sup>th</sup> with celebration of life following at Post 137. All are encouraged to attend. Proper attire should be worn. White top, black trousers, legion cover.

With no further business to come before the assembly, closing ceremonies were accomplished and the meeting was adjourned at 2009hrs.

Respectfully submitted by Frank Nichols