

**Fallen Heroes Mandarin Post 372
General Membership Meeting
October 12, 2017**

The General Assembly meeting of American Legion Post 372 of October 12 , 2017 was held at the Mandarin/St Johns Elks Lodge #2866.

The meeting was promptly called to order at 7 pm by Commander Painter.

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll call of Officers was held and it was determined that a quorum was present. Finance Officer Comeaux, Adjutant Sheri Rodriguez, Judge Advocate Dan Hemsall were excused. Historian Kirk Dempsey was absent. There were a total of 16 members signed in.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as posted on the web site. The motion passed unanimously.

The Finance Report was read and is attached to these minutes.

Motion to approve Finance Report pending audit was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reading in of New or Transferring Members

The Adjutant reported that the following Veterans had applied for membership or requested to transfer to Post 372:

Steve Sullivan	Navy	Gulf War	Transfer from Post 400
Eugene Kivett	Navy	Viet Nam	Transfer from Post 400
Joy Goff	Air Force	Korea	Transfer from Post 347

Motion to approve the transferring members was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Officer's Reports

Vice-Commander Severns reported on membership status. The Post is ranked number 2 in the 5th District at 88.889% or 104 of 117 members. National shows we have 185 members.

Service Officer Litsky reported that he had one contact this month.
Service Officer Rodriguez reported that she had one contact as well.

Old Business

The Commander addressed the cancellation of our participation in the Oktoberfest & Haunted Brewery due to poor organization and communication on the part of the sponsoring organization.

The Commander again solicited volunteers for the open vacancies of Chaplain and the Oratorical Chairman. No responses were received.

Post 372 Rider's resolution was postponed pending the presence of Joe Maltese.

Having a car show was discussed. Included in the discussion was the raffling of a motorcycle. Comrade Ray Balaguer agreed to Chair this effort and present a plan at the next General Assembly.

New Business

The Commander presented the American Legion and Scouting Square Knot award to Comrade Dean Phillippi. The award consists of a certificate from National and a patch with the symbol of a square knot on it. The award is meant to recognize dedication and the work required by an American Legion member to assist in furthering the Scouting program in The American Legion.

The Commander introduced the Brand Committee and its Chair Frank Nichols. Chair Frank Nichols addressed the assembly explaining that the Post has reached a growth point where we need to plan for our future. To date the committee is comprised of Comrades Frank Nichols and Dr. O'Connor. Additional volunteers were solicited.

The lack of liability insurance was discussed. This is a requirement of both the Department and our landlords, the Elks. The Elks Lodge is requiring proof of insurance by 26 October 2017. This is an expense the Post has never dealt with in the past. Adjutant Rodriguez is investigating costs and coverage.

Marty Kaufmann, Chair of the Cancelled Stamp Program reported that he had thank you cards for 3 shipments and that he had received more donations at this meeting. He also presented his experience in growing an organization through the initiation of Military Chaplains to join our Post.

For the Good of the American Legion

The next General Membership meeting will be held on November 9, 2017.

Closing ceremonies were conducted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Don Severns
Vice-Commander