

American Legion Auxiliary Mandarin Fallen Heroes Unit 372
General Meeting December 1, 2020

Meeting called to order by President Reed Bailey at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance: Reed Bailey, Michelle Maze, Marilyn Painter, Judy Bernat, Robin Maltese, June Crawford, Danielle Fix, Caitlyn Bailey.

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Quorum achieved

Discussion of previous minutes, distributed by email prior to meeting. June Crawford made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed, second by Danielle Fix. Approved by member vote.

Correspondence

Marilyn Painter shared a holiday card sent to the Unit by 5th District President Annie Anderson as well as Girls State information.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Judy Bernat provided the Treasurer's report, which is available upon request. She is currently in the process of changing signers to the bank account. Robin Maltese and Reed Bailey have completed an audit of our finances and found all is in order. June Crawford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and the audit findings, second by Danielle Fix. Approved by member vote.

Chaplin: Nothing to report.

Membership: Michelle Maze reported we currently have 24 active members. She sent out 3 birthday cards in December and requested the Unit purchase stamps. June Crawford made a motion for the Unit to cover postage for mailing of birthday cards to members, second by Marilyn Painter. Approved by member vote. Robin Maltese proposed Maelynn Olivero for membership, second by June Crawford. Approved by member vote.

Executive Committee Report: Reed Bailey reported that the Executive Committee had made several appointments to fill officer vacancies: June Crawford had been appointed 2nd Vice President and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and Danielle Fix had been appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. Moving forward, highlights of prior general meeting minutes will be read at the opening of the general meeting.

Unfinished Business

Marilyn Painter read 2 additions to the Unit Standing Rules: Rule 4a clarifying that General Membership shall vote in new members and transfers once eligibility has been established and Rule 12 establishing 2 administrators for communications and social media and policies to ensure no changes to administrators can be made without prior approval by the membership. Updated Standing Rules approved by member vote.

Caitlin Bailey has set up a new Gmail account for our Auxiliary Unit:
alapost372@gmail.com

Our Unit Facebook page is now administered by Michelle Maze and Caitlin Bailey with Reed Bailey having review-level access.

We discussed the Unit getting involved with Supportourtroops.org and supporting an Angel box, also collecting coupons for \$15-20 per year. We also determined to support Box Tops for Education: members collect and submit Boxtops on their own and report their participation to credit our Unit. Members can choose which school to support. Email the information to alapost372@gmail.com

New Business

We discussed purchasing our own American Flag. Michelle Maze made a motion for the Unit to spend up to \$120 to have a flag, with a stand, by our January General Meeting, second by Robin Maltese. Approved by member vote.

Our Legion Post has sent a new offer for obtaining a Post Home – no response yet.

Due to problems with the website, Volunteer Hours should be reported by email (alapost372@gmail.com) for now

We discussed quarterly and ongoing Missions our Unit supports, asking for additional suggestions and ideas:

Quarterly: Mandarin Food Bank (Community Service) – support Legion’s Christmas Food Drive; Angel Box (Veteran Affairs) – also work with the Sons: June Crawford made a motion that we collect food and spend up to \$40 to supplement the collection to build a holiday meal for a veteran in our own District, second by Robin Maltese. Approved by member vote.

On-Going: Aluminum Cans for the building fund (Community Service); Box Tops are scanned and sent online now if this is done it should be reported under Children and Youth; Coupons (National Security); Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House (Children and Youth); Cancelled Stamp Program (Veteran Affairs)

President’s Report: Reed Bailey announced that the District Meeting will be 12/6 at 2:00 p.m. at Post 129. She has submitted the mid-year status report. District President Annie Anderson wants to visit 2021. (We should dress up for this visit.)

Announcements

We are invited to the Elks Christmas Party December 12, 2020.

Legion Family Fireside Chat December 19, 2020. 5:00 p.m.

Next general meeting the 4th Thursday in January (January 28, 2021) at 7:00 p.m. and will be the 4th Thursday of the month for now on.

Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Painter, Secretary