

American Legion Auxiliary Mandarin Fallen Heroes Unit 372
General Meeting April 22, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Reed Bailey at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance: Reed Bailey, Michelle Maze, Marilyn Painter, Robin Maltese, Caitlin Bailey, Janelle Hemsall, Sandra Smith, and Lisa Doerler.

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Quorum achieved

Marilyn Painter read the highlights of the previous general meeting minutes. Robin Maltese moved to accept the minutes as read and corrected, second by Sandra Smith. Approved by member vote.

Correspondence

Marilyn Painter has the fully approved Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules in the Secretary's official binder and has scanned and sent them to be placed in our Unit's Google Drive so that members can access them.

Reed Bailey shared a certificate of appreciation from Ronald McDonald House, which Caitlin will place in our Google Drive. She also shared two thank you letters from Support Our Troops for coupons, for which they also gave us two stickers, which were distributed to members Michelle Maze and Lisa Doerler.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Reed Bailey provided the Treasurer's report, which is available upon request. Michelle Maze moved to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Janelle Hemsall. Approved by member vote.

1st Vice Report (includes membership): Michelle Maze reported we currently have 25 active members. Our goal for this year is 33. Members can renew online or call – or can renew through the Membership Chair. Membership runs through the fiscal year, July 1-June 30, but final deadline for renewal is December 31 (at which point a

member would have to re-apply and be re-verified). Caitlin will check that new members like Lisa are being added to the Unit email distribution list.

Robin Maltese moved to keep dues at \$35/year this year and revisit the issue next year. Second by Michelle Maze. Approved by member vote.

2nd Vice Report: absent

Chaplin: Robin Maltese reported participating in a funeral escort for a World War II Veteran this past weekend. She also congratulated Marilyn Painter on the birth of a granddaughter on April 8!

Executive Committee Report: Reed Bailey reported that the Executive Committee had determined that the Unit needs to purchase corporate general liability insurance to be able to distribute poppies, raise donations, or volunteer in the community in general as a Unit. Because we have a separate EIN, we do not fall under the protection of the Post's insurance, though the Sons and the Riders do. Reed and Michelle will research policies – both Department and insurance policies – but we would like to purchase the insurance as soon as possible so as to be able to distribute poppies at Winn Dixie on May 28. A policy connected to the Post's policy has been quoted as costing about \$500/year.

Robin Maltese moved on behalf of the Executive Committee to spend up to \$500 (and change) on corporate general liability insurance. Second by Michelle Maze. (No second actually needed for motions originating in committees, per page 117 of 2019 Unit Guide Book.) Approved by member vote.

Unfinished Business

The Nominating Committee reported current nomination status as follows:

- President – Reed Bailey
- 1st Vice President – Michelle Maze
- 2nd Vice President – open
- Secretary – Marilyn Painter
- Chaplin – Robin Maltese
- Sergeant-at-Arms – Janelle Hemsall
- Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms – open
- Historian – open

The above nominees have accepted the nominations. Caitlin Bailey volunteered to be nominated as Historian and subsequently accepted the nomination. Nominations are still needed for the other open positions, though it should be noted that the most vital positions do indeed have the needed nominees. Procedures/timelines for elections were verified as first nominations at the March general meeting, second nominations at the April general meeting, and May general meeting comprising the elections themselves.

Robin Maltese reported that we will have our first Movie Night on Friday, May 14 at 8:15 p.m. The movie will be Independence Day. Cost is \$5. There will be snacks for purchase and a basket for raffle. Robin Maltese moved that the funds by the May 14th Movie Night raised go into our Unit general fund. Second by Michelle Maze. Approved by member vote.

Reed Bailey reported that she had received a voicemail from the manager at the Winn Dixie on San Jose saying poppy distribution for Friday, May 28, had been approved by corporate – but we must provide a copy of our insurance, which we do not have. (See Executive Committee Report above.)

Caitlin Bailey reported that she has submitted a photo and article to the Mandarin Newline about our Support Our Troops initiative to be included in the April edition.

New Business

Reed Bailey distributed a list of vetted programs from Military.com for consideration for additional project ideas, noting that the list is not complete and a program does not have to be on the list to be considered worthy of our support.

Girls State will need to be placed on hold due to the unexpected \$500 expense for insurance.

Ideas for our next Troop Box(es) were discussed. The thought of a K-9 box was especially popular. Save receipts for purchases as they are required by the organization. The cost of shipping last time was under \$35. It was determined that a detailed list of the items and procedures for a K-9 box would be distributed by email in the week after the meeting, and about two months would be given to collect items.

Caitlin Bailey moved to collect K-9 box items to be brought to the June general meeting for packing. Second by Sandra Smith. Approved by member vote.

Announcements

Next general meeting will be May 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Painter, Secretary