

**American Legion Auxiliary Mandarin Fallen Heroes Unit 372**  
**General Meeting January 28, 2021**

Meeting called to order by President Reed Bailey at 7:04 p.m.

In attendance: Reed Bailey, Michelle Maze, Marilyn Painter, Judy Bernat, Robin Maltese, Maelynn Olivero, Janelle Hemsall, Danielle Fix, Sandra Smith.

### 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, second by Sandra Smith. Approved by member vote.

### Correspondence

Marilyn Painter shared a holiday card sent to the Unit by Department of Florida, thank you card from Molly Main, Girls State registration forms (Secretary will hold onto forms for now). She also reported that updated Standing Rules are being mailed to Department tomorrow.

### Officer Reports

**Treasurer:** Judy Bernat provided the Treasurer's report, which is available upon request. She also reported that Form 990 has been filed. Michelle Maze moved to accept the Treasurer's report, second by Sandra Smith. Approved by member vote.

**1st Vice Report (includes membership):** Michelle Maze reported we currently have 23 active members.

**2nd Vice Report:** absent

**Chaplin:** Robin Maltese reported that she has sent 3-4 get well and sympathy cards and that Marilyn Painter's father had recently passed away.

**Executive Committee Report:** Reed Bailey reported that the Executive Committee had determined no need to purchase Quicken for keeping track of finances at this

time as Treasurer Judy Bernat can use Legionnaire husband's Quicken program; we will likely need to purchase Quicken in future when a new treasurer, but the old information will transfer.

### Unfinished Business

We have purchased our own American Flag as approved at the previous general meeting.

We discussed two options for a service project to support our deployed troops: either Support Our Troops (more expensive per box but allows for flexibility as to how often to participate) or Angel Box (costs \$15.50 per month but requires long term monthly commitment potentially for several years). Most members present felt that the more flexible program is more appropriate for our relatively small unit at this time even if more expensive per participation, as long as we make a firm commitment. Reed Bailey sent the membership an email with information on the Support Our Troops/Troupous Care package ([www.supportourtroops.org/care-packages](http://www.supportourtroops.org/care-packages)) to read the rules and bring ideas for future boxes to the next meeting. Danielle Fix moved that we all purchase and bring to the next meeting razors, tampons, and small packs of pads, which we can choose to donate or request reimbursement, along with boxes for packaging, at a cost of up to \$100, to include \$20 to mail the package(s) to Tampa, with Judy Bernat volunteering to coordinate, mail, and include a note or card and possibly use Unit funds to finish filling one or more boxes if needed, second by Janelle Hemsall. Approved by member vote.

### New Business

We discussed to get more community exposure. It was suggested that we locate our Poppy program at the new Winn Dixie to support the developing relationship, build rapport, and increase the possibility of their donating items for our boxes. Robin Maltese moved we purchase 1000 poppies for \$75 as well as seals for an additional \$6 for a total cost of \$81, second by Judy Bernat. Approved by member vote.

We briefly discussed looking into supporting Girls State moving forward with a goal of sending one candidate next year. Please go to the American Legion Auxiliary website to learn more about this worthy program.

**President's Report:** Reed Bailey reported she did not attend the 5<sup>th</sup> District Meeting in January and cannot attend the February one on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Post

250. Michelle Maze volunteered to attend and deliver the President's report that Reed will supply.

### Announcements

We are invited to the Elks Chili Cookoff January 29, 2021.

Next general meeting will be February 25, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Painter, Secretary