

American Legion Auxiliary Mandarin Fallen Heroes Unit 372
General Meeting August 26, 2021

Meeting called to order by Secretary Marilyn Painter at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: Marilyn Painter, Robin Maltese, Janelle Hemsall, June Campbell, Sandra Smith, and Colette Dispinseri.

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 Janelle Hemsall. Approved by member vote.

Correspondence

Secretary Marilyn Painter shared that she had sent a thank you note to Joy Goff for her donation.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Marilyn Painter read the Treasurer's report, which is available upon request. Robin Maltese moved to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit, second by June XX. Approved by member vote.

1st Vice Report (includes membership): Upon reading a reminder about renewing memberships online, some of us wondered how the dues are distributed when we use that method of renewal.

Chaplin: Robin Maltese reported that members who had been ill are now feeling better. She also requested prayer for a Post member who was in the hospital on a ventilator due to COVID.

Executive Committee Report: none

Unfinished Business

Coupons/Troopons were not completed this month. It was suggested that we consider holding a coupon clipping party – Clip & Sip.

Our next movie night will be Saturday, November 6. Robin Maltese reported she would be sending an email to the many volunteers who had responded to Caitlin's email to be on the committee regarding raffle items. Collette volunteered to also join this committee. The movie shown will be either Top Gun or True Lies. We were reminded to bring a comfortable outdoor chair.

Because we had only two volunteers for Poppies, this project will be tabled for now. (Poppies occur twice a year, Veterans Day and National Poppy Day – the Friday before Memorial Day. Committee duties would include arranging for the location, setting up, taking down, manning the table, and decorating the table.)

Foster Closet, which would fall under the Children and Youth category, will be our next box/drive. Foster Coset reached out to us and a flyer was emailed to everyone of their needs: Kids toothpaste, Halloween Costumes (infant-adults), Toddlers toothpaste, Puzzles (up to 300 only), Infant Toys, Coloring Books, Toddler Toys, New Infant and Toddler Socks, Jewelry, Girl Infant Mittens and hats, Dr Brown & Avent Bottles, Sippy Cups. Bring in the items at the September meeting. Reed will arrange transport to the donation site the Saturday after, though someone will need to get the box(es) to her after the meeting. Any unanswered questions, please refer to the Foster Closet website: <https://www.fostercloset.org/>.

New Business

None

Announcements

Remember to use the new website to enter volunteer hours:

1. Go to the website: alpost372fl.org
2. At the top of the page click on the Auxiliary tab
3. On the right side of the page click on Auxiliary Volunteer Log
4. Fill out the log, the Program Supported is a drop down menu
5. Click Submit (the log then goes to the new email)
6. New email is auxunit372@alpost372fl.org NOTE: Our Gmail account is still active and used for communications.

Next general meetings will be September 23, October 28, and November 11 (Thanksgiving is the 4th Thursday) at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

American Legion Auxiliary School of Instruction, September 18
Post 283, 9459 Fort Caroline Road, 32225
Registration at 9:30 and begins at 10am and will cover all programs

Also on September 18 is Florida's POW/MIA memorial ride (J Lot of Jags Stadium to Cecil Field MIA/POW Memorial). Event is free. Volunteers to help with registration and parking are needed – talk to Joe Maltese if interested in volunteering.

Be an Early Bird and pay your dues by September 29 and enjoy an Early Bird dinner sponsored by the Post (Friday, October 29).

Meeting adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Painter, Secretary