

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

Meeting called to order by Secretary Marilyn Painter at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Marilyn Painter, Judy Bernat, Robin Maltese, Sandra Smith, and Janelle Hempsall

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 Judy Bernat. Approved by member vote.

Correspondence

Secretary Marilyn Painter shared a Thanksgiving card from Annie Anderson, 5th District ALA President, and a thank you note from Support Our Troops for our most recent donation to their Troopons program. She also reported receiving registration forms for Girls State and information about Fall Conference (November 5-7) for anyone to follow up with if desired.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Judy Bernat read the Treasurer's report, which is available upon request. She reported no activity for September, and she is still working on restoring our tax-exempt status, with the check to be signed after tonight's meeting and hopefully mailed off tomorrow. Robin Maltese moved to accept the treasurer's report, subject to audit, second by Janelle Hempsall. Approved by member vote.

1st Vice Report (includes membership): no report

Chaplin: Robin Maltese had a few updates about members' life events.

Executive Committee Report:

Executive Committee recommended that we pay Department of Florida \$89.50 to cover our required annual quotas – Rehabilitation, Education, Girls State, Sock Quotas, as well as our Bond Fee Quota to be sent on to National – and also

recommended we add a line item to quotas to future budgets since it is a standard yearly expense based on our membership numbers. Approved by member vote.

Unfinished Business

Our movie night will be Saturday, November 6 (6:00 p.m. = Social Hour; 7:00 = Movie). The movie will be *Top Gun*! Robin Maltese reported we are in good shape with volunteers, concessions, and raffle baskets at the ready. Recommend bringing a comfortable outdoor chair and possibly blanket.

We need to be thinking about our next program to support: please bring our ideas to the next meeting!

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Our Riders Toy Drive has been cancelled.

Everyone has been updated to the new email address as confirmed by responses and/or site delivery confirmation.

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

Next general meeting scheduled for December 23rd, but that is too close to Christmas Holidays – be thinking of ideas for something social in early December instead.

Next general meeting after that is January 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. – consider if we might want to move this forward 2 weeks just for January since that is a long time between meetings

Upcoming Events:

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Movie Night – November 6, 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm *Top Gun*. Bring a comfortable outdoor chair.

Meeting adjourned 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Painter, Secretary