

American Legion Auxiliary Mandarin Fallen Heroes Unit 372
General Meeting March 25, 2021

Meeting called to order by President Reed Bailey at 7:01 p.m.

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

Opening Ceremonies

Roll Called: Quorum achieved

Marilyn Painter read the highlights of the previous general meeting minutes. Michelle Maze moved to accept the minutes as read and corrected, second by Judy Bernat. Approved by member vote.

Correspondence

Marilyn Painter shared the receipt of the fully approved Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules from Department. She will place them in the Secretary's official binder and also scan them in order for them to be placed in our Unit's Google Drive so that members can access them.

Officer Reports

Treasurer: Judy Bernat provided the Treasurer's report, which is available upon request. Robin Maltese 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 24 active members. She then presented and proposed Lisa Doerler, whose eligibility had already been verified, for membership (second by Marilyn Painter). Lisa shared a little bit about herself, after which her membership was approved by member vote.

2nd Vice Report: absent

Chaplin: Robin Maltese reported that she had completed and submitted the April 1st Chaplin report.

Executive Committee Report: Reed Bailey reported that the Executive Committee had nothing to report.

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 – open
- Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms – open
- Historian – open

The above nominees have accepted the nominations. Janelle Hemsall volunteered to be nominated as Sergeant-at-Arms 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.

Robin Maltese reported she would get us onto the Elks Event Calendar for a regular movie night/drive-in movie event on a Friday or Saturday night, to be a separate event from the Fireside Chat. Several possibilities for movies to show at our first Movie Night were discussed.

Caitlin Bailey read the letter she had composed to request to distribute poppies at the Winn Dixie on San Jose. Dates and times for the Memorial Day/National Poppy Day distribution were discussed, with Friday, May 28, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. being most supported by tentative volunteers and approved by member vote. A sign up for shifts of two during that time frame will be available prior to the distribution day. Lisa Doerler may also be able to engage the residents of the assisted living facility she works for in preparing the poppies.

Caitlin Bailey reported that she has submitted a photo and article to the Mandarin Newline about our Support Our Troops initiative and was encouraged by a quick response indicating that it is expected to be included in the April edition. Ideas for our next box(es) were discussed, and it was decided the theme should be something fun

to engage more community support. Reaching more of the community to support this program was also discussed. We would like to ship something every quarter at the least, more often if possible.

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.

Reed Bailey announced that Post 372 has a table at Taste of Jacksonville at World Golf Village this Saturday, March 27, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m., where they will be conducting a membership drive. Due to the short notice, we did not have anyone able to attend, but Judy Bernat's husband Craig Bernat will be attending, so she will give him some Auxiliary information flyers to distribute to potential Auxiliary members should the opportunity arise.

Supporting Girls State moving forward with a goal of sending one candidate in 2022 was also discussed. We do have some concerns about whether a 2022 goal will be financially feasible for us, but will continue to seek information with a back-up goal of implementing the year after that. Beginning with contacting Mandarin High School ROTC and presenting at their fall Parent Night(s) was discussed. Marilyn Painter volunteered to potentially help set up the candidate selection process once the program does get up and running. Reed Bailey will find out the date of the orientation in April and share it in hopes that one or more of us can attend to gather more information.

Announcements

Next Fireside Chat is April 17th at 5:00 p.m. (The 5th District Picnic is occurring earlier the same day.)

Next general meeting will be April 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. (There is a Rider event happening at the same time, but it was decided to still hold our meeting on schedule as enough of our members to constitute a quorum will still be available to attend.)

Meeting adjourned 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Painter, Secretary