

VFW Post 6605

General Membership Meeting

Sept. 21st, 2020



Opening Ceremony: Commander Wally Hinton opened the meeting at 1824 hours. Chaplin Gary Tisdale gave the opening prayer and Commander Wally Hinton led the General Membership in the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Roll Call of Officers/Quorum: The required quorum of officers was present to conduct the meeting.

Membership: Welcomed Al LaBranch to our Post transferring from Florida.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for General Membership Meeting May 2020 were read and a Motion to accept Minutes was made by Gary Tisdale; seconded by Chris Carpenter. Motion Passed.

Quartermaster's Report: Quartermaster Ty Matthews gave report for. For specific items please contact Ty Mathews. Motion to accept Quartermasters report was made by Chris Carpenter; seconded by Gary Tisdale. Motion Passed.

Communications: None

Service Officer: No contacts at this time, should pick up with COVID winddown.

House Committee: Mitch Odom was voted in to be chair for the House committee. Was asked that more members attend the meetings.

Hospital Report: No report due to all hospital non-emergency matters have been suspended.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Gary Tisdale provided a report to include a reminder of the safety of our fellow comrades.

National Home Ceremony: Chaplain Gary Tisdale conducted the National Home ceremony; a donation of \$140 was collected. It was voted on to donate all monies to the care of Al LaBranche's grandson Lane who was in a serious car accident.

Unfinished Business: The money from the sale of the food trailer went into Post operating funds due to the lack of income from the COVID Pandemic shut-down. Motion by Ty Mathews for Money to be drawn out from CD's to Support our operating fund, seconded by Chris Carpenter. Motion passed. Gary Tisdale suggested we have a safety briefing at each meeting.

New Business: Ty Mathews made a motion to subdivide our excess land and hire Parrish Construction Firm to survey and give us an idea of how to partition the land. This will bring more income into the Post. Seconded by Barbara Anne.

Good of the Order: Mitch Odem was voted in as the new Jr Vice to replace John Garrett until the end of June 2021. Ty Mathews stated we need to reach out to our members to be more active and do a membership inventory to verify our numbers and cost. Commander Wally Hinton discussed all the awards available, also First Responders recognition month is October. We need to get together to decide what we can do to recognize our first responders in the local area. Deadline for submissions is Oct. 31st to the post. Buddy Poppies program is not required this year bur we can do it and earn \$2000 for 100,000 poppies assembled. Need volunteers to help. Also, to pass the hat around for Lane Labranche on Steak night.

Closing Ceremony: Chaplain Gary Tisdale gave the closing prayer. Commander Wally Hinton led the General Membership in the closing salute to the Flag. Commander Hinton declared the meeting closed at 1926 hours and announced the next General Membership meeting will be conducted Oct 19th, 2020 at 1800 hours.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Lister, Adjutant

Approved, Wally Hinton, Commander