

VFW Post 10148

Meeting led by the Post Commander

Wednesday, August 19, 2020

6:05 - 7:04 PM

Key Takeaways:

- The meeting attendance was low: 8 Post members and 1 District 8 representative. Officers present: Commander, Senior Vice, One-Year Trustee, Three-Year Trustee. Quorum present.
- Membership Chair Stephanie Sherby presented five applications for membership. All five were approved.
- Minutes of July meeting were read and approved by the membership.
- Facilities Committee Chair Don Reott reported on the progress of the renovation. The City approved the permit on August 12th. Construction began on August 17th. The revised target date for the completion of the project is November 11th (Veterans Day).
- The House Committee is not currently seated given the renovation of the Post. The establishment of that committee will occur next month.
- Membership Chair Stephanie Sherby is reaching out to members whose membership has expired or is unpaid. The Chair also presented a motion to reduce annual membership for 2020-2021 to \$35 (\$10 reduction) due to the impact of the pandemic and the Post renovation. Motion passed.
- Trustee Chris Gibson discussed a long-term project to review our record retention procedures and to properly archive required records.
- Nominations were opened for Quartermaster due to the pending expiration of the Pro Tempore period. Only one nomination was made – Vadim Yenyi, the sitting Pro Tempore. He was elected by unanimous consent. Nominations were opened for Chaplain. Again, only one nomination was made -- Steve Snow. He too was elected by unanimous consent.
- Two community events were presented for discussion: a beach cleanup on August 30th and a Labor Day cookout on September 7th. The Labor Day cookout will provide an opportunity of parents, students, and teachers to come by the Post to pick up supplies collected during the School Supply Drive. Both events were approved.

- Don Reott requested that the renovation budget approved in May 2020 be increased by \$3,800 to cover new work determined to be needed that was not in the original scope of work including installing emergency lights and replacing the wall between the kitchen and the bar to facilitate electrical and plumbing work. A motion for a \$3,800 budget increase was approved.

- The Post Commander commented on the continuing impact of Florida DBPR rulings on VFWs. He attended a DBPR-hosted meeting on August 14th. Ideas on how to reopen were presented at that meeting but no official long-term solution was provided by the head of the DBPR. District 8 Senior Vice Josh Milam stated the need to follow the DBPR restrictions and commented on risks associated with not following the DBPR rules.

- The next Post Monthly Meeting is **September 16th** at 6:00 PM.

These notes were compiled by Don Reott.