

American Legion Auxiliary  
Meeting Notes 11/20/2019

Constitution Facts: Article 1 Section 1 - 3/5 clause

The discussion was done before the congressional congress. H.O.R. based on population; Senate - all states equal representation. Madison-Sherman exchange - saw states as mini republics; Power of wealth should be represented- Rutledge. 1 representative for every 40,000.

Call to Order

Prayer said by our Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag said

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary completed. Please see new version

Roll Call of the Officers - President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Secretary - sick, Treasure, Historian, Chaplain, Sergeant-at-Arms; all present except Secretary

Minutes sent to everyone electronically. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP motioned and Sergeant-at-Arms seconded motion to accept the motion to pass the minutes.

Finance Report: September to Current date

\$3, 703.23 current balance, with money coming back to us from our Wreaths Across America. 468 wreaths - \$2,340

One of the checks is from the Post was their half of fee for the Katy Rice Festival.

Motion made by Sergeant-at-Arms and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chaplain to accept finance report as written.

Reports:

-Changes in Constitution therefore Preamble & Membership form made:

April 6, 1917- 11/11/1918 & 12/7/1941-until such time that Congress says we are no longer at war.

Instead of wife, it is now spouse.

-Renewals - Still able to pay either by cash, check or credit card with our "Square"

-cookies for veterans - We are going to start delivering cookies to Westgreen Blvd , but it is on hold until we get something in writing.

-baskets- Veteran's basket in November profit \$437.94. \$295 from raffles at the Rice Harvest Festival. December basket - Mini Christmas tree, gift cards for meals. \$25-\$75 from a variety of restaurants. \*\*Red Robin does 20% off for Military and Family. Lowe's will give same discount to family of Military as well.

12/7/19- First responders Dinner will have baskets as well. 3 door prizes for everyone who attends the dinner: Liquor sleigh, Blanket pampering & Top Golf Door Prize. 12/7/19 is also the VFW Christmas Party.

-adoption of Female Veterans and their Families - Linda & Gil went shopping, filling car with presents. JC Penney's Gift Card, Make-up, coffee mugs for Mom; Boys went to Academy received Gift Card, shirts; Girls Kohl's gifts. Great Job shopping, thank you.

-Veteran's Day Weekend - poppy donations for Katy Veterans Family - \$287 we would use the money towards our Katy Veteran's food basket.

-Wreaths Across America - A lot of volunteers, We have adopted another cemetery - only 7 cemeteries with the new one. I would like to roll over some for next year. 249 Veteran's Memorial Cemetery - they have about 33,000 they need 60,000. \*\*Wreaths are delivered either Thursday or Friday. Then, we go to mark the cemetery. The specific item on each grave is a "no go" because we would have to contact each family.

\*\*Linda made a motion to save 100 wreaths for rollover, cover our cemeteries and then donate the remainder to the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. Chaplain 2<sup>nd</sup>, voted and passed.

Patricia suggested that we put the sponsorships for the Wreaths Across America within the program

Linda to ask Tony Garza to use his sound system.

First Responders Dinner - This year the Post asked for sponsorship and reports, 6 paid tables that want to remain anonymous. If we get anyone that wants to be recognized, we will put their information on back of the program as well as on the table. We could have as many as 5-10 tables sponsored.

12/7/19- Breakfast finished at 10 am. Go ahead and set up tables and the room right after breakfast. Black curtains and twinkle lights to add to the aviance in the room with the 2 Nutcrackers. Elizabeth, Melody, Tammy, Gil & Jenny will be bringing appetizers. Salt Grass will cater it again. No fee, the Post will pick up the rest if we don't get enough sponsors. 6:30 pm appetizer & dinner at 7 pm. Houston Chronicle will be there to cover.

New Business:

Tina reported about Huckabee Show - Patriot Angels - Helps Older Veterans and their spouses to see if there is benefits available that they are not currently utilizing. They will help you fill out the forms. Suzette Graham is the person. We should disseminate the link, either on the website or Facebook.

New Veterans home just opened up off the south side of the beltway. It is family groups. Based on what your disability is and what you need.

Girl's State timeline - Linda has asked for girl's names by December, then Katy ISD will be able to put request money in faster. Patricia would like to be a part of the scholarship process. Can we fundraise at different sites for money to help support Girl State?

Announcements:

- Breakfasts with a Veteran 7-10 am, 12/17/19
- First Responders Dinner 6:30-10 pm 12/7/19 at Katy Elks
- Wreaths Across America 10-12 pm 12/14/19 at Katy Magnolia Cemetery
- Auxiliary Christmas Party 6-10 pm, 12/14/19 at Linda's; Bring appetizer, drinks, canned goods for Veteran's Family, ham being donated by Connie. Food for a family of five that has teenagers. Christmas Gift at: 20727 Chestnut Hills Drive, Katy, TX 77450
- Next Monthly Meeting on January 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer for Peace

Adjournment - President

\$500 per girl for Girl State

Katy ISD pays for 1 girl from each High School to attend. Others can self-pay. Linda is in process of getting sponsorships for additional girls to total for 20 to attend this year.

It is a first come, first serve for the girls to go.

Up to 6 girls per high school, but only 600 girls from the whole state of Texas.

Last year, 130 from Greater Houston.