Approved by John J. Cronin (Commander):

Prepared by Wendell Denney (Historian):

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General Membership Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2023

Meeting held at American Legion Post 521, Pasadena, TX

Prior to meeting opening, Commander Cronin introduced Mark Orear, E & S Construction to update membership on statues of building permit application.

At 1920 hours, the meeting was called to order by Commander John J. Cronin.

Jesse Martinez gave the opening prayer.

Roll Call of Officers:

Commander acknowledged presence of Past Legion Commanders:

Johnny Lundstrom, Post 490

Joe Garlowich, Post 397

All officers were present with the following exceptions:

Commander

1st Vice Commander - Excused

2nd Vice commander - Excused

Finance Officer

Adjutant - Excused

Judge Advocate

Chaplain - Resigned

Service Officer - Resigned

Sgt at Arms

Asst Sgt at Arms

Exec Committeeman # 1 - Excused

Exec Committeeman #2 - Excused

Historian

Americanism - Vacant

Children & Youth - Excused

Public Relations - Vacant

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Meeting minutes were distributed. Motion made to approve. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

E-Board Meeting Minutes - Not Available

Meeting minutes were not available.

Officer Reports:

Commander:

Advised membership of Chaplain's and Service Officer's Resignation.

Spoke briefly about need for "Team Effort "at the Post

1st Vice Commander

Excused

2nd Vice Commander

Read emailed report: Cooked tacos for Deer Park Police department and other first responders,

Adjutant

Excused

Judge Advocate

Compliance Policy completed. Took veteran to VA Hospital

Finance Officer:

The Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet were provided to all Members. Question from Joe Garlowich: "How did we lose \$23,000 during January?" Office manager explained that we did not lose any monies, that he had removed \$24,000 from inventory, based on fact that the inventory was from "burned out "building. It had no value for upcoming deprecation schedule. With no further questions, there was a motion to approve. Motion seconded and passed by voice vote.

Service Officer

Vacant

Chaplain

Vacant

Historian

Chili Cook Off pictures added to Scrapbook. Book is Current

Sargent-at-Arms

Continuing to make "Buddy check" calls. He has continued to review his role of responsibilities as "Sgt at arms". There have been and will not be any further outbursts during meetings. Discussions will be focused on Post business only, not personal vendettas.

Asst Sargent-at-Arms

Continuing to make "Buddy check" calls. Everything is fine, otherwise.

Executive Committeeman #1

Excused

Executive Committeeman #2

Excused

Americanism

Vacant

Children & Youth

Excused

Committee Reports

Sons of the American Legion

Absent

American Legion Post 490 Riders

Chairman Herrera informed audience that there was an upcoming ride this coming Saturday 2/11/23.

Everyone was invited to ride with the riders, even without a motorcycle. Cars, pickup trucks whatever. Ride starts at Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, 231 Gulf Freeway S, League City, TX at 8:00 am. After breakfast, 9:30 am, departing for Mardi Gras, Galveston, TX. Chairman Herrera invited all members or friends of the Post 490, to join in.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 490

Absent

Trustees

Commander read email:

- 1) Removed six (6) bags of trash from property.
- 2) Scholarship application is now available. Deadline for turn in is April 30, 2023. Review will take place NLT May 10, 2023. Awards will take place on June 14, 2023
- 3) PISD has volunteered to re-paint Conex boxes.

National Defense

Commander stated that there was no meeting held on January 25, 2023, due to a lack of quorum.

Next meeting February 22, 2023

Baseball

Jesse Martinez stated that there would be more information available at next meeting, but for time being:

- There was a new uniform baseball sleeve patch forthcoming. Office Manager asked what to do with patches ordered last year, in advance, to avoid last minute ordering this year. No suggestion offered.
- 2) Registration started January 1, 2023.
- 3) No changes to National Rules, other than updating change of year from 2022 to 2023.
- 4) The National Insurance Provider has changed.
- 5) K & K Insurance has stayed the same
- 6) State tournament is tentative to be held in Laredo, TX, July 17-23, 2023.
- 7) Regional tournament to be held in Fair Field, CA, August 2-6, 2023.
- 8) World Series to be held in Shelby, NC August 10-15, 2023

Un-Finished Business

Aaron Ariss, USCG, invited members and families to attend Community Day at Ellington Field this coming Saturday at USCCG facility

New Business:

Past Commander Johnny Lundstrom moved to accept two(2) new members (see attached). Motion, seconded and passed by voice vote. Commander then asked if either party was here. With no response, he moved on.

Historian Wendell Denney moved to reimburse Christina Golden, 1st Vice Commander \$36.00, for expenses involved with cooking for police officers and first responders. Motion, seconded and passed by voice vote.\

Good of the Legion

Commander announced that Past Commander 490, Butch Sparks had donated an "upright" piano. Did anyone had space available to store, inside a house or building, climate controlled, until new building was available? With no response, the commander moved on.

Historian Wendell Denney announced the recent completion and arrival of the raffle tickets. Please see him after the meeting for distribution is anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets.

Historian Wendell F. Denney suggested to all members to start thinking about what we can do when new building is completed, to "thank" American Legion Post 521 for providing their facilities for meetings during our reconstruction period.

Commander John Cronin asked Rene Sanchez, Judge Advocate, if he could appoint a temporary Chaplain until elections in May 2023. Judge Advocate responded affirmative. Commander Cronin then asked member Aaron Ariss, USCG, if he would fill the position as an appointee until elections. Member Ariss agreed.

Acting Chaplain, Aaron Ariss offered a Closing Prayer.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:21 hrs.

Next General Membership Meeting will be held at American Legion Post 521, March 8, 2023

Minutes taken by: Wendell F. Denney, Jr., Historian

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Date: <u>02/08/23</u>

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