

Marine Corps League

Cpl. Suzi Sannes

Detachment 1262

VFW Post 2057, NC Hwy 97, Rocky Mount, NC

4 February 2019

Opening Ceremony:

At 1900 Commandant Dave Sannes instructs Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle to secure the quarters. The Sergeant at Arms was further instructed to post the colors and lead the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bible was opened and opening prayer was read by Chaplain Pat Milligan.

Meeting was declared open for business by Sergeant at Arms, Claude Battle.

Roll Call of Officers:

All present except: Sr Vice and Weapons Officer Joe Pisarik excused, National Web Sergeant Lori Sannes – excused.

Visiting Guests:

Dept. Sr Vice Rick Thomason, and Kennel Mad Dog Charles Minton.

Guest Speaker: Larry Hill introduces Cara Scott. Cara takes podium to explain Girl Scout Cookies for Troops program to include her experiences during shipments from air station. Question of a detachment donation postponed to next meeting. Recess called for members to offer individual donations. Prior to leaving, Scott family thanks members for \$220.00 in total giving.

Induction of New Members:

Tonika Jones

Correspondence:

None

Old Business:

January Minutes: none submitted at this time

Paymaster Report: Larry Hill gave updated paymaster report. Beginning balance \$9,876.85 & total deposits \$814.29 put check book \$10,691.14. \$2.00 service fee deducted, \$603.19 checks reimbursement Toys for Tots, \$600.00 Christian fellowship Home (veterans), \$901.00 DoNC Marines Helping Marines, Ending Balance \$8,584.95. Minus: \$91.51 uniform fund & \$402.46 humanitarian fund, - \$250.90 T4Ts Coordinator fund, \$295.89 Commandant Expenses, Marine Corps ball \$832.42 leaves General Use at \$6,124.38. As discussion, Dave Sannes announces that he OK'd use of detachment funds to reimburse food purchases during warehouse Toys For Tots activities, resulting in \$500.00 allotment being exceeded. Rick Thomason questions extravagance if food responsible for \$700.00. Rick and Charles Minton express the improper use without pre-agreement by trustees. Sannes questions assumption it fell within his \$500.00 discretion as Commandant. Larry Hill reads out various expenditures that caused \$250.00+ overage. Those expose items that should not have been counted against Toys For Tots, but rather general funds possibly making entire discussion a moot point. David

asks for motion that financial report be approved pending audit of question at hand, final report to be presented at March meeting. Motion made by Rick Thomason, second by Pat Milligan. Vote passed.

Sickbay Report: Pat Milligan updates members on Joe Pisarik's cancer treatments. William Blackmon reports Mel Wolfe has possible life-threatening cancer recurrence. Pat asks members to keep him advised of any future concerns regarding any members. Claude Battle mentions he ran into Al Cooper and that Al would like to be more active but can't because of mobility limitations. Claude calls on membership to become more proactive in reaching out to members such as Mel Wolfe and Al Cooper.

Officers Report: Commandant calls Rick Thomason, Tom Deaner, and Mike Pressley forward. For behind the scenes work Rick receives Toys For Tots award. For extraordinary commitment of time during Toys For Tots warehouse activities Tom is awarded the Individual Meritorious Commendation. For being instrumental in reinventing procedures for obtaining legitimate toy recipients and documenting same Mike is awarded the Distinguished Service Bronze.

New Business

Carl Johnson The Elks Lodge has been reserved for Saturday, November 9. Music, food, auction and food was discussed. Ad book will be suspended. Price to remain the same. Carl Johnson confident the event can be expanded while still paying for itself while remaining a fund-raising event for the detachment. Pursuant to the earlier discussion of appropriated funds, Carl makes a motion the \$700.00+ presently designated as Marine Corps Ball be moved to general fund. Rick Thomason seconds and vote carries.

Larry Hill Has form to register attendees to upcoming National Mid Winter in Fredericksburg. Discussion verifies detachment will pay registration fees, reimbursement will be responsibility of members who respond but fail to attend.

David Sannes Mentioned gun show is March 23-24th. Expressed concerns about memberships ability to complete rifle raffle sales in a realistic period of time.

Dave Sannes Opens discussion about appointment of new weapons officer. Mentioned is that presently the weapons are being housed in William Blackmon's garage. Discussion switches to weapons security. Charles Minton, Rick Thomason and Walt Pridgen express concern, pointing out that they require more security. However; none of the three offer any solutions. Mike Pressley offers to investigate whether he can reorganize and fit them into a gun safe he has. No official move is made to name a new weapons officer.

Dave Sannes Reminds membership of open discussions in January meeting of Tonika Jones' desire to become an associate member and of her unquestioned qualification. "T" is queried as to her continued interest, and replies in the affirmative. She is presented by the Sgt of Arms for installation. She is sworn in. A 5-minute recess is called so she could be welcomed aboard by individual members.

Good of the League:

Rick Thomason Mentions upcoming DoNC spring meeting. Getting commitment of interested members tabled till March meeting.

Closing Ceremony

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle retires the colors

Chaplain Pat Milligan reads closing prayer, Jr Vice William Blackmon reads closing statement.

Sergeant at Arms Claude Battle declares the meeting officially closed until Monday, March 4, 2019.