



Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283

Membership Meeting

Nov 12, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 09:00.

Randy Clayton offered prayer

Pow/Mia flag placed on chair by Sgt at Arms Vicky Skipper-Compton

Plague of Allegiance lead by Sgt at Arms Vicky Shipper-Compton

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called. Present: Director John Lang, Asst. Director Rick Knight, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Membership Director Elizabeth Lowy, Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Asst. Sgt at Arms Shawn Conley, Historian, Karen Hunter-Nowark, Safety Officer Yvette Moore, Webmaster, Jim Nowark

(Quorum is meet)

Not Present: 2nd Vice, Mark Lowy, Chaplin Suzanne Hiet, Asst. Chaplin Rick Tessler, Road Captain Mark Lowy

Guest: Maggie and Gunter (her service dog) w/ K-9 Line was escorted to the podium by the Sgt @ Arms and was presented with a check for \$22607.37 from the proceeds from the Poker Run hosted by Chapter 283 in September 2022. Maggie proceeded to explain her non-profit K9 Line which trains service dogs and the veteran together or train the service dog when the veteran cannot and all for free. She went on to inform that the money was going to hire more trains and equipment and in 2023 trying to get a brick-and-mortar building to train.

Sue Reynolds was brought up to the podium, to request a donation for The Riders to donate to the Auxiliary Unit 283's Children's Christmas party for toys. Any toys left over will be donated to 19th street charities for their Toy drive.

Committee Reports:

Adjutant reported that the report from October was not posted on the website and in lieu of reading of the minutes they will be posted on the website by end of day. A motion was made to accept the minutes and was properly seconded and there was no discussion, motion passed.

Finance Officer read detailed report of account balances, checking \$12379.45, Rider down fund \$5065.16, Money market \$5867.87, Charity Account 6188.26, Poker Run Acct \$5000.00 for next year. Bike Raffle \$4896.00, \$896.00 was sent to department for Ukraine relief which the department relocated the funds for the Hurricane Ian relief, and \$4000.00 was sent to department for the Children and Youth programs, which department also relocated for Hurricane Ian relief. Motion was made by Kam Sons to accept finance report subject to audit, seconded by Yvette Moore and no discussion, motion passed

Asst. Director. Reported year to date hours 4281.5 and monthly hours of 540. Monthly miles 11828 and miles of 20556 for year to date was with 22238 in donations for Asst. Director stressed the importance of logging time and hours.

Membership Directors reported on the new members that needed to be voted in, Sean Sons A motion was made by Kam Sons to accept new members and was properly seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton no discussion and motion passed. A presentation was made by Ella Jansen to Sean with his ride name patch "Link" and his rider patch.

Chaplin no activity

Road Captain the director reported on behalf of the Road Captain, that a ride was coming through the post today from post 88 and would like for us to meet up with them, but if the group would like they can ride out to the Surf in Fernandina and the VFW under the bridge.

2nd Vice Ella is going to do chicken Gumbo and Taco Tuesday we still need help. Also, we still have the Taco Tuesday before Christmas, and we will not have a meal on Christmas Eve. Also looking for volunteers for the January meal. Kam Sons suggested we do Soup and salad, and she would volunteer and Yvette Moore also volunteered. Liz Lowy volunteered to make a beef stew in January if needed also. February the Chill Cook off and March is the Mardi Gras party.

Safety Report: reported that this is the time of year to do oil changes and check our bike for any maintenance and winterizing that is needed.

Historian: Poker Run pictures are on Facebook and being uploaded to website.

Sgt at Arms reported there was 2 guest, 1 new member, 33 members and \$33.00 in donations.

Quartermaster: No activity- what is on display is what we have right now.

Director: The order of the Purple Heart was able to get us a plaque as a Thank you for your help. Requested that we need an Event Coordinator and Kam Sons volunteered to take the position. The Rider Christmas party will be at Brenda and Alley's last hooray before they leave. The white elephant will be played also, and if you would like to participate bring a \$20.00 gift on December 17, 2022 @ 5pm. A question was brought up as to how the hours and miles to report, the time you spend coming to the post/event and at miles driven to the post/event. It is not just the time your spend on your motorcycle.

Requests for donations: Hurley manor sent a request via mail if the Riders could donate to their Thanksgiving basket. A motion was made by TW to give what we gave last year which was \$100.00. The motion was properly seconded by Karen Nowak, no discussion and motion passed. Shawn Conley made a motion to give \$500.00 to the Auxiliary Unit 283's Children's party for toys, it was properly seconded by Jeff, no discussion, motion passed. Donation for Wreath across America, Ella Jansen made a motion we donate \$1000.00 to them it was properly seconded by Vickie Skipper-Compton. Post 88 poker run to benefit Jimbo, whom has cancer. A motion was made by Vickie Skipper-Compton to donate \$200.00 to Post 88 and it was properly seconded by Jeff, no discussion, motion passed. Yvette Moore made a motion to donate \$1000 to 19th Street Charites, for toys, then the motion was amended by Yvette to \$1500 it was properly seconded by Vicki Skipper-Compton, no discussion, motion passed.

Karen Nowak made a motion that we adjourn the meeting it was seconded by Yvette Moore no discussion and motion carried.

POW/MIA flag retrieved by Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton

Closing prayer offered by Randy Clayton

Director John Lang adjourned meeting at 09:45

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

American Legion Rider

Chapter 283

Adjutant

Kam Sons

