



## **Jim J. Gilleo American Legion Riders Chapter 283**

### **Membership Meeting**

**Jan 7, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 09:00.

Randy offered prayer.

Pow/Mia flag placed on chair by Asst. Sgt at Arms Shawn Conley

Plague of Allegiance lead by Asst. Sgt at Arms Shawn Conley

Rider's creed was recited by all in attendance.

Roll called. Present: Director John Lang, Asst. Director Rick Knight, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Mark Lowy, Finance Officer Ella Rae Jansen, Quarter Master Ella Rae Jansen, Adjutant Kam Sons, Membership Director Elizabeth Lowy, Asst. Sgt at Arms Shawn Conley, Historian, Karen Hunter-Novak, Road Captain, Mark Lowy, Webmaster, Jim Novak

(Quorum is meet)

Not Present: Chaplin Suzanne Hiet and Asst. Chaplin Rick Tessler Sgt at Arms Vicki Skipper-Compton, Safety Officer Yvette Moore

Guest: Asst. Sgt at Arms Shawn Conley escorted JoAnn Parrot to the podium She is the Asst. Director of Chapter 129 and she spoke about their upcoming Casino Night fund raiser. Last week of February (2-25-2023). She extended an invitation for our Riders and requested our support. She also thanked us for our past support, and she had 21 tickets left if anyone was interested.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Adjutant** reported that the report from December was not on the website and in lieu of reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Kam Sons to accept the minutes as posted and was properly seconded by Karen Novak and there was no discussion, motion passed.

**Finance Officer** read detailed report of account balances, checking \$12236.69, Rider down fund \$5065.19, Money market \$5868.07, Charity Account \$5253.26, Poker Run Acct \$5700.00 for next year. 28423.21 total

funds available. Motion was made by TW to accept finance report subject to audit, seconded by Mark Lowy and no discussion, motion passed.

**Asst. Director.** Reported year to date miles 20273 and year to date hours of 22191. Year to date is 48978 in donations.

**Membership Directors** stated that if anyone has not renewed their due the next meeting is the deadline. They will start recognizing years of membership and a pin will be awarded.

**Chaplin** no activity

**Road Captain** Stated we can do better as a group when riding. People are getting left behind and should not be more than a ½ of car length between the bikes, in order to keep the group together and not allowing car in between. He will work on getting a committee together to create week rides and weekends for us. Also spoke about what's up app and asked Sean to send to everyone.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice** Kam & Liz is doing Soup and Salad the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, TW is doing the chili cook-off in February and them Mardi Gras party in March.

**Safety Report:** no activity

**Historian:** Pictures will be taken of officers at February meeting.

**Sgt at Arms** reported there was 1 guest, 30 members and \$27.00 in donations.

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

**Event Coordinator:** Nothing new.

**Director:** Acknowledged whomever took the ornaments of the Rider Christmas tree, Thank you. We need a volunteer for taking down the Christmas tree. Asked who would like to go to Summit and who would like to go on the Unity ride which there are 3 routes this year. This ride is to benefit veterans suicide prevention and OCC is raffling off a 2023 Harley Davidson at State Rally Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. \$20/ticket 6/\$100.00, April 16-23<sup>rd</sup>. Asked the Asst. Sgt at Arms to escort Susan up to the podium to receive Ron's name patch "Side Boy" and Brian was also escort and presented with his patch BHM. The director discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> District patch and qualifications to earn that patch. The requirements can be found on the 5<sup>th</sup> District site. A new logo has also been release at Emblem sales for the riders.

**Requests for donations:** Donation was requested from USO, A move was made to by Mark Lowy to donate the cost of 2 tables then amened this motion to donate \$1000.00, it was properly seconded by Sean Sons motion passed.

**Correspondence:** Thank you from Auxiliary for donation to the children's Christmas party. American 104 is having a ride.

Mark Lowy made a motion that we adjourn the meeting it was seconded by Arron Taylor no discussion and motion carried.

POW/MIA flag retrieved by Asst. Sgt at Arms Shawn Conley

Closing prayer offered by Randy.

Director John Lang adjourned meeting at 09:47

For God and Country

Respectfully submitted by:

American Legion Rider

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Adjutant

Kam Sons