

MINUTES OF THE BELLAVITA VETERANS MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Commander Ruben Castillo at 1910

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Invocation – Olga

Barbara Moore and Juanita Davis, came in to speak about the Belles Club's efforts to raise donations for making Easter Baskets to be distributed to school children in our area. Charles made a motion that we donate \$ 100.00 to the Belles for this project. Motion was seconded (Gene) and passed. Ms. Moore and Ms. Davis exited our meeting at this time.

Commander's Report – (1) We are currently about 45 flags ahead of this time last year. Our most effective tool now appears to be contacting those who have been in the program in the past. The list Wilbur provided the team captains will help; (2) We are in the process of getting storage in the Guard Building for about 100 additional flags. This will help in building up the flag presence on North and South Riviera all the way to the lake; (3) The signs for the Statue Park are in production and should be ready soon. Thanks to Charles and his team for this collaboration with the Grounds Committee.

Reading of the minutes – Motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes; motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report – Thom presented the report – it was approved.

Flag Report – Steve stated that a letter has been sent to the Board asking for permission to store approximately 150 flags in the Guard Building. We will be buying an addition 100 poles and removing about 50 poles off the trailer along with the extra boxes of supplies; reducing the weight on the trailer. Steve will be ordering new caps (\$30.00) and bands (\$15.00). Steve can not order aluminum polls that are the length and thickness we need because they would be considered a "Special Order" and would cost more money.

Old Business – We want to thank John Devereux for donating a U.S. Flag for our meetings eliminating having to bring the flag off the stage.

New Business – We spoke of how our Veterans Organization is fulfilling its potential. One suggestion was to explore with Tom Mixon the best ways we

could use his Museum of Memories that he has devoted decades to create. Several of us visited the museum last weekend and we are now looking for the best ways to share this treasure with the rest of our Veterans.

Open Time – (1) Charles made a motion that we donate \$ 250.00 to the Sewing Club for their on-going projects. Motion was seconded (Charlie/Gene) and passed; (2) David reminded us that this year is the 75th anniversary of “D” Day and that our own Mario Saladino will be on the Honor flight to Washington D.C. David also stated that a fellow Veteran by the name of Tom Fergeson, passed away about 6 weeks ago; (3) Ruben was the winner of the beautiful quilt donated by Janice Hassinger.

Meal – The meal was provided by Wilbur and Olga. Next month’s volunteers are Ruben and Olga.

Flag Duty – Thanks to Denny and Walter for last month’s flag duty. Volunteers for next month are Jack and Gene.

Jackpot winner – George.

Adjourned at 1945 hrs.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Olga Vasquez