

# **MINUTES OF THE BELLAVITA VETERANS MEETING**

## **OF JANUARY 16, 2019**

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Invocation – Henry Reist

Commander's Report – (1) We continued our role of converting the time and good will of our veterans; we teamed with others in the community, for new revenue highs; (2) Flag enrollment is up to 60% of last year's total; (3) We assisted: the Belle's with their annual "Bicycle Drive", with a \$ 500.00 donation, the Nature Reserve for their continued work in Bella Vita, with a \$3,00.00 donation and the Military Moms and Wives with a \$ 2,000.00 donation.

There were no minutes from the December meeting because we did not have a meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Thom stated that we made donations of \$ 19,626.00 plus other monies. Thom presented the report and it was accepted. Thom also provided us with information that our present bank, Wells Fargo, has imposed restrictions on us that we can no longer support. Thom asked if the club would be willing to approve moving our accounts (checking and savings) to another bank if he can get us a better working arrangement. Motion was made, seconded and passed that Thom could act on the club's behalf to secure accounts with a bank that works better with us. Thom has spoken with personnel at Johnson Space Center Credit Union. Thomas Paterno and Bill Hart will be the signers on the accounts.

Flag Report – Steve stated that our Texas flag, located at the club house, needs to be cut 8" – 10", because when flown at half-staff, the flag catches the edge of the building and tears the edges. Steve will look into marking the rope to show how far down the flag needs to come and be tied down to fly at half-staff.

Old Business – None

New Business – (1) We want to keep the momentum going, so the officers will have a table set up at the Bella View event on January 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-4, at the Super Bowl Party on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and at the Belles and Men's Club meetings on February 6<sup>th</sup>; (2) The 5 Flag Teams are strong and will soon be prepping their routes for President's Day Flags Up on February 16<sup>th</sup>; (4) Commander stated that

we should not put up a flag unless the homeowner has paid the Club; (5) Commander presented a request from the Military Moms and Wives - they are asking for Q-tips to send to our troops. A motion was made, seconded and passed that we spend up to \$ 750.00 for this purchase.

Meal – The meal was provided by the officers. George and Martha Kula will provide the food next month.

Flag Duty – Thanks to everyone who helped with flag duty in November and December. Steve and David are volunteers for next month.

Jackpot winner – Dan Poates.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Olga Vasquez