

American Legion 5th District Meeting Minutes
Sunday, 19 Apr 09

1. **Call To Order:** Commander Dan Arnold called the 5th District Meeting to order at 9:36.
2. **Posting of Colors:** Sgt at Arms J. Wayne Ducksworth posted the colors.
3. **Invocation:** Chaplain Don Cecil gave the invocation.
4. **Pledge:** The assembled membership recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Preamble:** Commander Dan Arnold presented the Preamble.
6. **Roll Call of Officers and Posts:** All officers were present with the exception of Doug Hitzman. The following Posts were absent 53, 124, 184, 275, 292, 581, 656, and 855.
7. **Convention Call:** Adjutant Matt Graska read the convention call for the record. Bernard Aderholt motioned, Bob Elkins seconded to accept the convention call for the record as read. Motion carried.
8. **Minutes of Previous 5th District Meeting:** Bernard Aderholt motioned, Don Cecil seconded to dispense with reading of the previous meeting minutes. Motion carried.
9. **Guests\New Members:** Commander Dan Arnold introduced Dept Vice Commander Bob Roberts. Bob spoke regarding new posts in Garland and Fort Worth.
10. **Officer's Reports:**
 - a) The Finance Report was read into record. Bernard Aderholt motioned to accept the Finance Report, Bob Elkins seconded, motion carried. 5th District total assets are \$8,040.96.
 - b) The Membership Report was given by Vice Commander Bernard Aderholt, we are presently 20th in Department. 5th District is 973 members short of goal. Posts 656, 597 and 292 are over 100 %. 68 renewals\new members were turned in.
 - c) Service Officer Doug Hitzman – No Report made
 - d) SAL Advisor - Bob Elkins No report was made.
 - e) Chaplains Report – Chaplain Don Cecil submitted a chaplain's report. (attached)
11. **Unfinished Business:** There was no unfinished business discussed.
12. **New Business:**
 - a) Commander Dan Arnold appointed Larry Taylor from Post 368 as Assistant Finance Officer. Bernard Aderholt motioned, Matt Graska seconded to accept the appointment. Motion carried.
- 14: **Good of the Legion:**
 - a) Commander Dan Arnold requested that members save their toiletries (soap, shampoo, etc) to be collected to turn over to the Fisher House.
 - b) The following Legion members from 5th District Posts will National Convention Delegates: J. Wayne Ducksworth; Jim Prendergast; and Scott Davis.

15: 5th District Elections: Sgt at Arms J. Wayne Ducksworth verified all members Legion cards to ensure eligibility to vote; all members were in good standing and eligible to vote.

a) The following Posts had the below listed eligible members for voting purposes:

- 1) Post 81: 21 members
- 2) Post 111: 6 members
- 3) Post 368: 16 members
- 4) Post 424: 7 members
- 5) Post 453: 21 members
- 6) Post 504: 15 members
- 7) Post 507: 7 members
- 8) Post 511: 4 members
- 9) Post 597: 14 members
- 10) Post 802: 2 members
- 11) Post 218: 9 members

It was determined based on the above numbers that 62 votes will constitute a majority.

- b) Sgt At Arms: J. McClendon was nominated for Sgt At Arms. There were no other nominees. C.J. Rey motioned; Bernard Aderholt seconded to have the adjutant cast one vote to elect J. McClendon as Sgt At Arms by acclamation. Motion Carried.
- c) Chaplain: Don Cecil was nominated for Chaplain. There were no other nominees. Bernard Aderholt motioned; Matt Graska seconded to have the adjutant cast one vote to elect J. McClendon as Chaplain by acclamation. Motion Carried.
- d) Vice Commander: Freddie Cotton was nominated for Vice Commander. There were no other nominees. C.J. Rey motioned; Matt Graska seconded to have the adjutant cast one vote to elect Don Cecil for Chaplain by acclamation. Motion Carried.
- e) Commander: Bernard Aderholt was nominated for Commander. There were no other nominees. C.J. Rey motioned; Bob Elkins seconded to have the adjutant cast one vote to elect Bernard Aderholt Commander by acclamation. Motion Carried.
- f) Appointments:
 - 1) Jeff Perkins was appointed as Adjutant. Appointment accepted.
 - 2) Jack Jimison was appointed Finance Officer. Appointment accepted.
 - 3) Larry Taylor was appointed Assistant Finance Officer. Appointment accepted
 - 4) Matt Graska was appointed Legion Rider Advisor. Appointment accepted.

S.A. Lejeune motioned to accept these new appointees; Gary Smith seconded; motion carried

16: Closing Prayer: Chaplain Don Cecil offered the closing prayer

17: Retirement of Colors: Sgt at Arms J. Wayne Ducksworth. Retired the Colors

18: Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned by Commander Dan Arnold at 10:05. The District Meeting this month will be at Post #368 17 May 2009 at 2:00 PM..

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