



Minutes of 5th District SAL
Department of Texas
Meeting

Meeting held at American Legion Jackson-Hughes-Jimison Post 368

8 January 2017

Regular Meeting Called to Order at 1235L by the Commander.

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Arista, SAL 5th District Commander – Present and Presiding

Dennis Snow, 1st Vice Commander – Present

Mike Sanders, 2nd Vice Commander – Present

Gary Smith, Adjutant – Present

Ed Wimble, Judge Advocate – Present

Pat McGee, Finance Officer – Present

Troy Hartog, Chaplain – Excused

Historian, Vacant

Ron Ramirez, Sergeant at Arms – Excused

Officers Present: 6

Squadrons Present: 4

111, 368, 424, 453

Squadrons Absent:

81, 184, 275, 424, 504, 507, 511, 597

Guests Present:

No guests were present.

Opening ceremonies were held and led by the Commander. Mike Sanders posted the flag and opening prayer was given by Ed Wimble.

Roll call of the Officers and Squadrons was conducted and a quorum established.

Motion by Dennis Snow to waive reading the SAL District minutes since they are posted on the District's website, seconded by Mike Sanders, motion passed.

The Finance Report was given by Pat McGee. Motion made by Mike Sanders to accept the report as read subject to internal review, seconded made by Dennis Snow, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Americanism Chairman Dennis Snow: et with schools Send out flag etiquette booklets to schools, January 17 is start of Desert Storm anniversary, March is Legion birthday, and February is Americanism month – plan to get with schools for Legion Baseball

Membership report by Dennis Snow. District 5 at 47.8%, Division at 52%, and Department is at 57%. The Department goal is for all squadrons to increase membership by 2 new members this year. Commander will touch base with Post 597 Commander about the fact that no SAL membership has been turned in. Posts 184, 275 and 597 have no membership turned in. Commander is working to have Charter for Posts 184 and 275 suspended.

Sick Call: Mike Sanders granddaughter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 5th District SAL CBLs are scheduled to be approved at the Department's Mid-Winter Conference.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Smith made motion to purchase a 5th District SAL ceremonial flag to replace the current SAL flag being used, seconded by Dennis Snow, motion failed.

Motion made by Pat McGee to donate 5 Josh Dogs to Scottish Rite Hospital in the names of Mike Sanders and Dennis Snow, seconded by Dennis Snow, motion passed.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Motion made by Pat McGee to SAL 5th District donate 5 Josh Dogs to Scottish Rite Hospital in the names of Mike Sanders and Dennis Snow, seconded by Dennis Snow, motion passed. They will be presented along with those being presented by Post 453 at a Josh Dog presentation being held by Post 453 on January 12 at 7:00 pm at Post 453.

January 15 starting at 8:00 am, JrROTC will be helping Post 453 load and distribute 7000 cases of Girl Scout cookies at the warehouse. Details can be found on Post 453's Facebook page and website.

Closing Ceremonies were conducted in accordance with the ritual, after which the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1324 hours. The next District meeting date and time will be published on the web site.”

Gary Smith, 5th District SAL Adjutant