



East Palo Alto Unit #472

American Legion Auxiliary – Department of California

The meeting of East Palo Alto Unit 472 was called to order by acting **Unit President Kerry Finley** at 1 pm on Saturday April 1, 2006 at the Marriott Residence Inn in Sacramento. The meeting was opened in regular fashion. Twenty members and three guests were present.

Special guest Robert Doelle, Post 472 Commander and William Rector, Post 472 Adjutant were introduced. They performed a POW/MIA Chair Draping Ceremony.

The March minutes were approved as corrected.

The financial statement for the unit stated the balance on hand as of 03/31/06 was \$271.50. No corrections were made so it will be placed on file for audit.

A beautiful Initiation of Candidates Ceremony was performed to swear in 10 of our new members.

President Kerry Finley, discussed the leadership workshop she attended on March 18th.

Americanism Chairman, Kelly Satterthwaite, wants members to work on promoting the Flag in schools.

Cavalcade of Memories, Sarah Sled, wants to create an on line cavalcade of memories. She would also like a photo of each member.

Children & Youth Chairman, Susan Middendorf, talked about the online mentor program. The Easter basket contest was a huge success.

Community Service, Janis Hurter talked about all the things a member could do in her own community.

Constitution & Bylaws, Linda Workman, mentioned that our unit Bylaws had been signed and were now official.

Education Chairman, Guang Ming Whitley, talked about how our younger members sharing their college stories could benefit teens looking to go to college. The topic of how to offer scholarships was also discussed.

Junior Activities, Angela McCoy, had Tiny Tot certificates for our 3 junior members.

Leadership Chairman, Lou Thompson, gave a copy of the handbook she had used at her recent leadership workshop to all members.

Legislative Chairman, Rebecca Dunham, talked about the Dispatch and what it has to offer our members.

Membership Chairman, Mary Martin reported Membership for East Palo Alto Unit# 472 is as follows: Seniors ~ 30; juniors ~ 3; Total 33. She talked about the different Recruiter awards available. She also proposed a change to the unit bylaws with regard to how a member can be approved for membership into our Unit. It was proposed that a Membership Approval Committee be appointed by the Unit President to include 3 members as follows: the unit membership chairman, a member of the Executive Board, and a member of the general membership. This committee would be responsible for reviewing all applications or member date forms and accepting the member is appropriate. The first reading of the proposed change was read. This procedure would be dropped from the Constitution & Bylaws and put in the standing rules.

Special guest Robert Doelle, Post 472 Commander and William Rector, Post 472 Adjutant talked about the Memorial Day and Flag Pole ceremony they would be holding.

A resolution thanking Robert Doelle, Post 472 Commander and William Rector, Post 472 Adjutant for all they had done to help in the formation of our unit was passed.

Past President Parley, Linda Workman, talked about forming a unit parley. She also talked about what we could do to help women veterans.

Poppy Chairman, Nicole Willis, talked about how the unit had secured 400 poppies to distribute which Bea had committed to a Legion Post in her area. Poppy Week is May 14-20.

Resolutions, Allyson VanderBroek, presented a resolution thanking Gerry Wilcox District 26th President. It passed.

VA&R Chairman, Bea Waggett, distributed info on various items to the membership.

Nominations for Officers & Convention Delegates were as follows

President :: Kerry Finley

1st Vice President :: Sarah Sled

2nd Vice President :: Bea Waggett

Secretary / Treasurer :: Sherry Schneider

Executive Committeewoman :: Nicole Willis

2 Convention Delegates :: Kerry Finley and Lou Thompson

2 Convention Alternates :: Susan Middendorf and Sherry Schneider

Under New business it was proposed that we change the Unit bylaws to move the online meeting to the 2nd Thursday of the month. It was also proposed to change the section on meeting months to schedule physical meetings in April and September and hold an electronic meetings in October, November, December, January, February, March and July. A first reading of this bylaws change was done.

A special meeting was called for May 11-12 to have the second reading and vote.

Becky Dunham was going to continue working on a mission statement for our unit making sure to focus on the National Organization's goal and objectives.

Linda Workman and Valerie Hardy volunteered to work on the Unit Standing Rules.

Lou Thompson, Guang Ming Whitley and Joyce McLeod volunteered to be on the Budget Committee.

All members were encouraged to look for fundraising opportunities for the unit.

Valerie Hardy volunteered to be the September Meeting Host Chairman. The meeting will take place in Garden Grove with more info to follow.

Election of Officers & Convention Delegates were as follows:

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The meeting was adjourned in regular fashion at 4:30 pm