

The regular meeting of the Manatee Veterans Council was held at Kiwanis Hall, Manatee performing Arts Center on Thursday, November 19, 2020. The Council Chairman Edwin Robinson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Due to absence of our council chaplain, Pat Stiles, chairman Robinson opened the meeting with a prayer. The pledge of Allegiance-was recited by all in attendance.

Council Chairman Robinson then introduced the members of his Executive Board, He called them each by name and thanked them for their service to the council during his term of office.

He thanked Vice Chairman Don Courtney for being his “Wingman.” He also thanked Lee Washington for his support of the Council. He then welcomed all in attendance.

Council Chairman Robinson announced Council Treasurer, Margaret Smelser was awarded a certificate as “Auxiliary Member Of The Year.”

Roll Call:

In place of Council Recording Secretary, Wm. Carey who was not in attendance. The Roll call was taken by Margaret. Total in attendance: 15; Members able to vote 10.

Vice Chairman Don then distributed copies of the Minutes from the September and October 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Courtney and seconded by Theresa Cobb to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A copy of these two meetings minutes will be forwarded to our Webmaster, Les to be posted on the Council’s website.

Treasurer Smelser then passed out the proposed budget to members. Don made the motion to accept & and the motion was seconded by Gill. Motion carried.

Treasurer Smelser then reminded members that dues were due at this meeting for the year 2021. She then stated that members should fill out an updated membership form and send it with their dues check.

Those members who have already paid are:

1. Post 10141
2. Post 325
3. SCF

A correction to the budget for Sept & Oct was made by treasurer Meg, due to the fact there were no minutes available, a mistake was acknowledged. The total of \$700.00 was given to Turning Points instead of \$500.00.

There was no fault found by our treasurer, no action was taken. Council Lee Washington agrees with explanation & closed the discussion. All voting members agreed subject close.

She then stated that there had been no mail in the Council's mailbox for several months.

Lee Washington heard from Shirley@ "Lee Com" they are short on volunteer activities, if the council needs any help Jim Klocke to contact Lee for possible work to be done at Veterans park.

New address for Lee Washington's new building is 1401 3rd.. Ave west & 14th street.

Representative Reports:

Anita Williams, veterans village park is a new intern along with Karen Yang in charge, this was her first visit to council. There are 17 current residence, out of 20 spots. Anita was invited to join the council come 2021.

Chairman Robinson announced a new director at Sarasota National Cemetery. John R is retiring come Jan. 2021. New director will be invited to join council by chairman.

USF Carlos "career suncoast" has 150 registered for employment, & 40 students.

New business:

The Veterans park report was given by Kim Klocke, due to the last storm we need to replace 8-10, new flags.@ about \$45.00 each. Motion made by Gill, the motion

was seconded by Bob Green after discussion. Funds to be taken from General Funds, not the flag program account, not to exceed \$450.00 in total.

Around the room

Report from Congressman's Vern Buchanan office: "Paige", " Burn Pitts Act" has been added to the list, plus 9 more added to Agent Orange disease.

Bob Green wants to update the Biovac, MOWW to be deleted. See Bob.

Closing remarks from chairman. Bring ideas to the next council meeting.

1. How to help more veterans and programs are needed.
2. Remind members to check on friends & neighbors & veterans that may be by themselves, especially during the holiday seasons.

The closing prayer was recited by Chairman Robinson.

A motion was made by Don and seconded by Theresa Cobb, to adjourn the meeting 12:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted.

Theresa S Cobb

Council Recording Secretary Pro-Tem