

MINUTES OF THE BELLAVITA VETERANS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

Invocation by Henry Reist

Commander called the meeting to order at 1855 hrs./ Adjourned at 1958 hrs.

Commander's Report – (1) Our involvement in the Canopy project continues; with our contribution of \$ 4,000.00. Still pending... drawings and permitting; (2) Our first deliveries to the VA Hospital have been made. We now have \$1,400.00 in an escrow account and a considerable amount of donated clothing on hand. We are waiting for space to become available at the VA Hospital so that we can make clothing deliveries; (3) The Scenic Overlook project we funded has a contractor... last step is a flood mitigation survey; (4) Flags Up for Patriots Day went well with only a few misses; (5) The Block Captain roll-out is near completion... useful information for us is being gathered; (6) The Grounds Committee replanted the entrance area.

New Members – No new members

Reading of the Minutes – Motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes as posted; motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report – Tom gave the treasurer's report.

Merlin Mohr, our liaison to the Board was in attendance and provided the following information: (1) The Finance Committee met and determined that there would not be an adjustment of our fees next year; (2) The concrete fences on Scarsdale need to be repaired; (3) It was reported that a residence in Ville de Este was being rented out as an Air B&B, which is against Villas Maters rules. The City Attorney advised the home owner that it was not permitted and if he rented the house out again for the purpose of hosting parties he would be fined \$ 2,000.00 – the owner did and the attorney filed on him and the owner was fined. There have not been anymore parties at that residence; (4) CRC will be hosting a Health Fair on September 28th at 1:00; (5) Charlie Timme advised Mr. Mohr that a person representing Modern Concepts, came by his home wanting to sell him upgraded services/products. Mr. Mohr stated that he would advise Shannon.

Flag Report – Steve stated that: (1) We are still testing the PVC pipes; (2) all of the donated American flags have been used and are being replaced with the new ones; (3) We will have to purchase both American and Texas flags next year; (4) The new Texas flags will cost a \$ 1.00 more than what we paid in the past but they will be a better quality; (5) All team captains have received the new receiver caps. Since they are new, they will be a little hard to get in and out of the receivers; (6) Steve stated that we will be placing American flags out on Rivera Dr. for the Mistletoe Market event; (7) Steve stated that the Brazoria Moms and Wives have received 1,500 request for Christmas packages and they estimate that they will mail out 2,000 packages.

Flag Analyst – Wilbur was not present.

New Business – (1) Ideas for 2020 Flag Enrollment – do what we did last year – we saved money and money came in sooner ; (2) Sailing Angels “Salute to Heroes Cruise” has offered an invitation for our club to take a cruise at no cost to us. Bill asked if anyone was interested in going out on November 2nd to find out exactly what this organization offers, so that we can determine if we feel like this organization could benefit from a donation from us. Bill reminded us that this organization charges nothing for their services to any first responder organization; these are private boats and one can hold up to 100 people; (3) Tree trimming issues – even though there are some branches that are tearing up our flags, we still need to ask the home owner for permission to trim the branch that is causing the problem; (4) We will be holding elections at our next meeting. We still need someone willing to take the Treasurer’s position. Thom stated that he will get us through the Enrollment process and teach someone the process of keeping track of the Club’s money; (5) Our Recognition Dinner will be held on November 16th; (6) We received a “Thank You” card from the Pearland Band; (7) Henry advised that veterans on disability will be allowed to make purchases at Base Exchanges; Blue Water Veterans are eligible for coverage just like Viet Nam ground troops and the VA is now covering veterans with Lou Gehrig’s Disease.

Meal – Thanks to George and Martha Kula for this month’s meal. Mike Baker and Thom are thinking “Hebrew National” for October.

Flag Duty – Thanks to Cecil and Bill for last month’s flag duty. Bill and Olga will have flag duty this month.

Jackpot Winner – Olga