

**GREATER CINCINNATI WOMEN'S POST 644
FOURTH DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
21 JAN 2010

ATTENDEES: Kelly Knox, Commander; Sr. Marguerite McHugh, Past Commander; Karen Caligaris, Service Officer; Joyce Leneave, Chaplain; Patricia Johnson, PAO; Sharon Hook, Historian; Kym Mader; Darlene Edwards; Lynn Ashley

Following the opening ceremony, the Commander certified that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1920 hrs.

1. The minutes from the Dec 2009 meeting were approved with no amendments.
2. There were no guests to introduce. The Commander asked each member introduce herself, as there were members present who had not attended a meeting before.
3. The Post Commander briefed members and displayed the "All Time High Post" and "Quota Post" awards presented to Post 644 by the District at the Winter Conference.
4. Discussion was held on the upcoming membership drive and the importance of renewing memberships before the Department Convention.
5. Membership was briefed on the recent action by the Executive Committee to reduce 2011 membership dues by \$12.50 for any new member joining between Veterans Day 2009 and the Spring 2010 membership drive. This action was taken to reduce the financial burden on new members who join late in the year but who need to pay the next year's dues the following Spring.
6. The Commander gave a finance report. The current balance in the Post's account is \$1592.44.
7. The Commander gave a report on the 4th District Winter Conference. She committed the following donations on behalf of the Post:
Gifts for Yanks, \$50
Special Olympics, \$50
8. A discussion was held regarding the need to establish a Finance Committee to develop a spending plan and fundraising goals for the coming membership year. The Post Finance Officer chair the committee. Members were asked to consider volunteering for this important task.
9. A motion was made and passed for the Post to host the Voluntary Services activities at the VA on April 30 from approx 1800-2000. The Post will provide refreshments and conduct activities for the hospitalized veterans. We need at least 10 volunteers from the Post for this to be successful.

10. Service Officer Karen Caligaris briefed the membership on the upcoming Red Heart Day activities at the VA on Feb 5. She requested that the Post help sponsor the event by providing refreshments for approximately 60 attendees. The executive committee has already approved up to \$100 for this event.
11. Public Affairs Officer Patricia Johnson shared ideas for fundraising and briefed the membership on plans for upcoming activities such as the Riley's Restaurant fundraiser on March 1 and the Fun Run on March 27. She also made calendars and mailing labels available to members.
12. Legislative Chair Lynn Ashley distributed copies of her proposed resolution regarding the discrepancy between the Army and DoD policies concerning women in combat. She asked for members to review the proposal and make recommendations. Action on the resolution was tabled until the Feb meeting.
13. Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly K. Knox, Commander