# General Meeting Minutes November 21, 2017

President Peter Winters called the November meeting of the Gainesville Amateur Radio Society to order at 6:36 PM. He then led Us in the Pledge of Allegiance after that started with the introductions. There were 23 members present at this meeting.

Sickness/Health and Welfare:

A moment of silence:

## **Officers reports:**

Secretary's report: The Secretary had nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: The Treasurer explained Octobers budget it was balanced. A Motion was put to the floor to approve for Octobers budget it was seconded and approved.

Webmaster's report: The Webmaster everything is fine with our website.

ARES report: the ARES coordinator advised that the next ARES meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13 at the Red Cross office from 5 to 9 PM. An end of year party will be given by Gordon Gibby at his home on December 16. His address is 15216 NW. 41<sup>st</sup> Ave., Newberry, FL.

Repeater Trustee/VP: Shannon is out of town but all repeaters are working properly.

President's report: Larry Rovak is going to be handing out our Hamfest flyers at the Ocala Hamfest this coming weekend to vendors who will hopefully attend our Hamfest.

# **Old business**

The club's participation in the annual Veterans Day event on Saturday, November 11, 2017 was well received. Ms. Kim Davis, Alachua County veterans service Representative, thanked the club for our participation. A portion of time during the event was spent tracking down technical issues involving the equipment that was being used for the event. Due diligence by all those involved, we found the gremlins and took corrective steps to enable smooth operations.

# Please save the date;

The annual GARS Christmas Banquet and Awards dinner and will be held on December 19, 2017 the third Tuesday of the month. The cost is \$15 per person and tickets for the event are available this evening from the Treasurer. The banquet will be held here at the Trinity United Methodist Church the menu is a turkey dinner with dressing potatoes a vegetable drinks and simple desserts. If you wish to bring a dessert that would be appreciated, let Pete know what you would like to bring. The event will be accomplished by Trinity's kitchen staff, so that club members can enjoy the festivities without being overtaxed with dinner details for the event. Reservations are required and will close one week prior on December 12, 2017.

The club will be participating in the annual life South operation Santa delivery event at Santa Fe college. The event date is December 16, 2017. Set up is no later than 9:00 AM. The event runs from 10 AM to 1 PM.

## New business

Election of Officers and Executive Board Members for the calendar year 2018 will be held tonight. All current up to date members for 2017 are eligible to vote and hold these offices. There will be two ballots to mark, one for the Officers to be elected, and a second for the Executive Board Members to be elected. After the voting took place the same Officers were reelected and will hold their position for the next year and the same Executive Board Members were reelected and will hold their seats for the next year.

## Programs

December: Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

January: open at present, this is your opportunity to present a program!

## Afterthoughts

Marjorie Landrum, N6QWT in memory of her husband Billy F Landrum N6QWS. Has graciously donated one high-frequency radio, one power supply, two amplifiers, and seven portable handheld radios to the club. Thank you very much Marjorie.

## A Motion to adjourn was brought to the floor seconded and approved at 7:45 PM.

May God bless you and God bless America.

Have a happy Thanksgiving!

Re-elected Secretary Gregory Sporer. Thank you?