The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

3440 N. Morrish Rd.

P.O. Box 66

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 03-06-2022

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

Opening Prayer: John Gilbert

PLEDGE: ALL

PREAMBLE: ALL

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

SGT-AT-ARMS: Larry Jean, present

HISTORIAN: Ken Cogswell, absent

SERVICE OFFICER: Scott Osborn, present

CHAPLAIN: John Gilbert, present

FINANCE OFFICER: Don Rubino, present

2nd VICE COMMANDER: Todd Beedy, present

1st VICE COMMANDER: Gary Goodall, present

ADJUTANT: Timothy Hill, present

COMMANDER: John Kayanek, present

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: We have 22 members and 4 visitors.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, SAL Squadron 294
2. Jake Neering, SAL Squadron 294
3. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
4. Brian Machuk prospective new member

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: No minutes read.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: Gary Goodall stated that we had $3620 donated to the Post in March. Gary also stated that bottles and cans are still coming in. Thank you all for your support.

177 Members have renewed their memberships. Still missing approximately 10.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS AND INITIATION OF CANDIDATES: Gary Goodall announced the candidates: Brian Machuk USMC, and Emelio Nieto, USMC. Motion to accept by Gary Goodall, 2nd Larry Luchenbill, passed.

FIANCE REPORT: Don Rubino read the report. Motion by Tim Hill to approve subject to audit. 2nd by Todd Beedy, discussion ensued. Passed.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Scott Osborn reported that he had 3 calls. Two (2) were referred to the VSO in Flint Bill Palmer, and one (1) wanted a funeral dinner.

Brian Machuk was introduced to the Post as the new VSO for the Department of Michigan, American Legion. He will be working out of our Post for 2 days a week, VSO Office in Flint one (1) and Saginaw VA one (1) day a week.

SICK CALL, RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT:

1. Please pray for our sick members and their families.

2. Spencer Southerby needs our thoughts and prayers.

3. Dan Spanolia is in our thoughts and prayers.

4. Bud Grime’s wife passed away. Keep him and his family in your prayers.

5. Dave Arceo is MIA. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

6. McDonald’s is hiring $12 /hr.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:



NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion by Bruce Badgly to give Gary Goodall a gas card valued at $250 with all of the running he does for the Post. 2nd by Scott Osborn. Discussion ensued stating this is a one time event. Motion passed.
2. Bruce Badgly stated that the popcorn machine is filthy and needs cleaning or purchase a new one.
3. Swartz Creek Wrestling Club wants to use the pavilion on 8-7-22 for the entire day along with the rest rooms. Motion by Todd Beedy to donate the use of the pavilion. 2nd by Larry Luchenbill. Passed.
4. New rifles for the Honor Guard have been approved and will be delivered shortly. Old rifles need to be returned.
5. Make A Buck license has been applied for.
6. AMVETS have applied for the Queen of Hearts license. Queen of Hearts Board needs to be hung in the Club Room. Currently in the Pole Barn.
7. Paul Spaniola stated that the Pole Barn is full.
8. 3-26-22 is the Auxiliary’s Comedy Show.
9. 4-30-22 is the Main Membership Comedy Show. Help is needed for the show.
10. Todd Beedy made a motion to donate the hall for 5 more Comedy Shows 2nd by Tim Hill, passed.
11. Todd Beedy stated that there were 7 new rentals in the last month. The Hall will need to be painted.
12. 3-17-22 is St Patty’s day, pot luck dinner here at the Post. Bring a dish to pass.
13. 4-10-22 is the Little Rascals Bunny Hop. Todd Beedy made a motion to donate $150 towards this event 2nd by Sean McLoud, passed.
14. Todd Beedy stated that there is a Golf Show today at Novi Expo Center. All Veterans get in free.
15. Todd Beedy stated we need to officially sponsor JROTC program at the Genesee Career Institute. 2nd by Tim Hill. Discussion ensued. Passed.
16. Tim Hill stated that Lt Col Lapham retired from the JROTC. 1sg Steven La Haine is now in charge of the program. He wants to get more involved with the Post and the American Legion. Any community service projects, please let him know so the JROTC personnel can assist. Thanks to the S.A.L.s for donating the remainder of the Post T-shirts to the JROTC.
17. Todd Beedy stated that the Shriner’s Annual Sportsman Raffle at Circus Park in Clio on 4-23-22. Tickets are available after the meeting.
18. Todd Beedy stated that you can watch the progress of the floor on our Post website.
19. Don Rubino stated that he received a letter from Joshen Delivery. They will add $8.35 fuel charge for each delivery.
20. Tim Hill stated that on 3-14-22 to 3-14-22 JROTC Regional Championship will be held in Fort Knox Kentucky.
21. Tim Hill stated that on 2-26-22, The Air Rifle Team from JROTC defeated Centerline HS JROTC.
22. Tim Hill stated that reservations are now being taken for the 2022 Department Convention in Kalamazoo. June 22-26.
23. Tim Hill stated that as of 2-4-22, Zone 3 is in 3rd place in Department for Renewals. 6th District is in 2nd place in renewals. Post 294 has 90.32 % in renewals. The S.A.L.s in Zone 3 are in 4th place, 5th place in the 6th District. S.A.L. Squadron 294 currently has 109.21 % in renewals.
24. Charlie Brunette asked when will the rifles arrive. Todd Beedy stated he was unsure due to the fact no tracking number has been received as of yet. Charlie stated that they have a funeral on Wednesday. Todd stated that the Honor Guard would have to use the older rifles.
25. Tim Hill stated he was asked by a few members of this Post to ask Marilyn Britton to come and speak with the Post since she was running for Department Commander. Tim asked her if she could attend our November meeting. She declined stating she was already scheduled to campaign elsewhere. She stated that she would be happy to attend our March meeting before going on to the 6th District meeting. At winter Conference in Lansing, Marilyn Britton approached Tim Hill and stated that she would have to cancel coming to the Post meeting. Things came up. We do have others that would like to attend our meetings.
26. Gary Goodall asked Tim Hill if he would be interested in running for Department Commander. There was some discussion but Tim Hill stated that no, he was not interested at this time.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED POST MEMBERS AND OUR POW/MIA TABLE:

1. If you know of a Member that has passed, please inform the Post.
2. Moment of silence for the POW/MIA table.

GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

1. APRIL IS NOMINATIONS FOR POST OFFICERS! Come one, Come all.
2. 6th District meeting today in Pickney.
3. AMVETS meeting on 3-29-22 at 7 p.m.

Closing Prayer: by John Gilbert

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:25

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant