The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

3440 N. Morrish Rd.

P.O. Box 66

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 04-03-2022

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 25 members and 15 visitors.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, SAL Squadron 294
2. Jake Neering, SAL Squadron 294
3. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
4. Dan Spaniola, S.A.L. Squadron 294
5. Jim Baylar, S.A.L. Squadron 294
6. Paul Arceo
7. Jerry Katich prospective new member
8. Jerry Andrus, Candidate for Department Commander
9. Dale Andress (wife)
10. Jacob Schweigert, JROTC
11. Zion Delony, JROTC
12. Ashley Wanno, JROTC
13. Jacki Merritt, JROTC
14. Carter Cramer, JROTC
15. Joshua Kaczorowski, JROTC

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: No minutes read. Adjutant Hill introduced members of the JROTC from Genesee Career Institute.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: Gary Goodall stated that we had $3000.00 donated to the Post in March. Gary also stated that bottles and cans are still coming in. Thank you all for your support.

180 Members have renewed their memberships. Still missing approximately 7.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS AND INITIATION OF CANDIDATES: Gary Goodall announced the candidate: Jerry Katich, USAF. 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 Dean Messinger, discussion ensued. Passed.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Scott Osborn reported that he had 1 contact. This was referred to our VSO, Brian Machuk.

Brian Machuk was re-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.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tim Hill stated that Dave Arceo has been found safe and sound and has returned to the meetings. He has a new address in Grand Blanc and new phone numbers as well. Be sure to say hello.
2. Brian Machuk wanted to let everyone know that he is here at the Post on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. with his last appointment at 1 p.m. Wednesday’s are downtown Flint, same schedule. VA Hospital in Saginaw on Thursday, same schedule.
3. Brian Machuk stated that there is a Veteran Stand Down coming up in September over in Davison. Tim Hill stated that there will be a table from OUR Posts with all of our information. More info to come.
4. Steve Harrington stated that he has grave marker/flag holders for sale. He will be placing an order soon. The more we order the lower the price.
5. Make-A-Buck tickets are here and go on sale this Thursday.
6. Todd Beedy stated that the floor will be completed soon. We will need assistance loading everything back in for the upcoming Wedding 4-21-22 and the Comedy Show 4-30-22 which the main members will be running the bar.
7. John Knickerbocker found a new supply distributor for all of our paper products.
8. The S.A.L. Poker Night Fund Raiser starts tonight and runs thru Wednesday. Paul Spaniola stated that any main member who wished to come and assist is welcome. He also stated that we can make 15 to 18 grand per year.
9. Todd Beedy stated that a complaint of sorts was filed with MI-OSHA. We need an inspection on the hall. Someone complained that we had asbestos in the hall. Will make a motion for this next months meeting.
10. Todd Beedy brought up the minutes of an emergency meeting on March 31st that was called into play. The minutes and the floor were discussed.
11. Tim Hill stated that all meeting minutes are on the tables. All information received will be posted on the board. 6th District minutes, Mother’s Day with Dennis Cramer, Loon’s Baseball, Cleaning of the Headstones, Blessing of the Bikes, Department Convention etc.
12. Jerry Andrus, Leading Candidate for Department Commander spoke to the Post and answered any questions.
13. Tim Hill stated that the month of April is the Military Child and Youth Activity. Thanks to our S.A.L.s
14. Tim Hill brought up an event by the JROTC at Genesee Career Institute on April 23rd. 13 teams are coming to compete. JROTC asked if we would want to provide pizza for the young men and women. Motion by Todd Beedy to spend up to $400 on pizza for this event. 2nd by Tim Hill. Big discussion, motion passed.
15. Larry Jean stated that we need a new parking lot and we need to watch our spending.
16. Luis Sipka stated that the AMVETS in Bay City use Polka Dances as a fundraiser. He stated that he could get the band at a good cost and with our new hall getting ready to open up, we could make some money.
17. Tim Hill stated that in January, John Kayanek and I discussed providing the trophies. At the February meeting it was brought before the main members and Trophies for the JROTC was discussed. Motion by Tim Hill to spend up to $468 for trophies for the JROTC for their event on 4-23-22. 2nd by Todd Beedy. Big discussion. Motion passed.
18. Todd Beedy stated that with the new floor, we need to have the bathrooms, kitchen and hall need to be painted. Todd received a quote from Kevin. Todd made a motion to spend up to 2500.00 for the painting. 2nd by Scott Osborne. Discussion held, passed.
19. Mike Strauss commented on the wooden flag donated by Tom Farrell, Crown Realty, to the Post. To be hung on Brick wall in the club room.
20. Mike Strauss asked if we were power washing all tables and chairs prior to reloading the hall. Power washing machines and help is needed.
21. The Auxiliary wants the carpet replaced on the stage. They have agreed to pay for it. Scott Osborn made a motion to have the Ladies pay for the carpet. 2nd by Larry Jean. Passed.
22. Tim Hill stated that we need to stop referring to the Auxiliary as “Ladies” There are now men that have joined the Auxiliary. Their Charter states Auxiliary!

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. MAY IS NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS! Come one, Come all.
2. April Nominations:

Commander: John Kayanek

Adjutant: Tim Hill

1st Vice Commander: Gary Goodall/Scott Osborne

2nd Vice Commander: Todd Beedy

Finance Officer: Don Rubino

Chaplain: John Gilbert

Service officer: Scott Osborne/Brian Muchak

Historian: Steve Harrington

Sgt At Arms: Mel Mick/Bud Grimes/Larry Jean

Closing Prayer: by John Gilbert

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:30

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant