The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

3440 N. Morrish Rd.

P.O. Box 66

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 11-06-2022

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:04 AM

Opening Prayer: by John Gilbert

PLEDGE: ALL

PREAMBLE: ALL

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

SGT-AT-ARMS: Bud Grimes, present

HISTORIAN: Steve Harrington, present

SERVICE OFFICER: Brian Machuk, present

CHAPLAIN: John Gilbert, present

FINANCE OFFICER: Don Rubino, present

2nd VICE COMMANDER: Todd Beedy, present

1st VICE COMMANDER: Scott Osborn, present

ADJUTANT: Timothy Hill, present

COMMANDER: John Kayanek, present

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: We have 25 members and 5 guests.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, S.A.L. Squadron 294
2. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
3. Jake Neering, S.A.L. Squadron 294
4. Dan Spaniola, S.A.L. Squadron 294
5. Jim Balars, S.A.L. Squadron 294

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

CLUB ROOM REPORT: Gary Goodall stated that there was a total of $2805.00 donated to the Post. Bottles and cans are still being dropped off at the Post for us to return and use. Thank you to all who donate.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS AND INITIATION OF CANDIDATES: Gary Goodall announced the candidates: Sandy Mackenzie, USA. Motion to accept by Gary Goodall, 2nd Tim Hill, passed.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: Gary Goodall reported that there are 127 members renewed.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

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

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Brian Machuk reported that he was able to help a Veteran receive about 85 grand in back pay. He also reminded the Post that VSO in downtown Flint is asking for a renewal of the milage on the ballot for veterans.

SICK CALL, RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT:

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

2. Larry Jean’s wife is ill and needs our prayers.

3. Larry Luchenbill’s wife is ill and needs our prayers.

4. Gary Stanley is not doing well.

10 MINUTE BREAK: 50/50 raffle tickets

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. New Years Eve Party here 12-31-22. John to have a flier.
2. AM-VETS to start Poker Bingo here at the Post.
3. Infomercial, Face Book, Web site and or other Social Media? We need to advertise out Post. What is happening? Tim Hill stated that he posts a lot of material on Face Book. If I have a flier, I can get it out onto Facebook for everyone to see.
4. John Knickerbocker was to get credit card. Done Mike Strauss was to get a credit card. Done
5. Tim Hill stated that last month he mentioned the Child Welfare Fund. $1.00 per each member gets another ribbon for our Post Flag. Motion by Todd Beedy 2nd by Dennis Cramer for $185 to be donated in the name of the Post to the Child Welfare Fund.
6. Winter Meeting Delegates: Tim Hill and Todd Beedy. Todd stated since Lansing is within an hour drive, there would be no hotel accommodations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Todd Beedy stated that the Old News Boys will be giving us 2 trees for the holidays. Todd made a motion to buy 5 bulbs at $20 each. 2nd by Tim Hill passed.
2. Todd stated that he met with Adam Van Sycle about the floor. Todd will be contacting an attorney. The floor in the main hall ensued a long discussion.
3. Todd stated that the Lopez benefit will be held today. Dennis Cramer made a motion to donate $200 to the family in the name of the Post. 2nd by Todd Beedy. Passed
4. Post received a check from Crown Realty for $2056.25 Tom Ferrell donates 25% of his commission to the Post for Legion referrals.
5. On Thursday, put all tables and chairs back before you leave and clean up your area. If you dirty some dished, wash them up.
6. Todd stated that an ATM will be coming
7. Todd stated that breakfast for Veterans at Deeks Elementary on 11-9 from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.
8. Todd stated that membership needs to open the computer for Scott Osborn so he can do membership. Discussion ensued.
9. Auxiliary gave us a check for $2000 to pay for the insurance.
10. Todd stated that the Auxiliary Comedy Show on 11-19 is in need of assistance.
11. Todd stated that the Auxiliary Craft show needs help with the set up on Thursday & Friday with assistance on the removal on Saturday late afternoon.
12. Veteran’s Day Memorial presented by the VFW at SC Veteran’s Memorial Park. AMVETS Honor Guard will be present.
13. Todd reminded everyone that the first Monday of every month, the AMVETS will be providing donuts for the Post Service Officer’s hour.
14. Tim Hill reported that there will be a community Blood Drive at the Lamb of God Lutheran Church located at 2051 W. Maple Ave., Flint 48507 on 11-10 from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.
15. Tim stated that on 11-12 it is Military Appreciation Night at the Dort Event Center. Flint Firebirds vs the Spitfires. All Veterans get in FREE. I will have a table set up.
16. Tim stated the Post received thank you notes from the Storm and Gilbert families.
17. Tim stated that the New Life Church on Carpenter Rd in Flushing will be holding a Military Appreciation Dinner on 11-9 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.
18. Tim stated that Wreaths Across America needs help. Wreaths are only $15 each. Tim made a motion for the Post to purchase 10 wreaths for Great Lakes National Cemetery totaling $150. 2nd by Todd Beedy. Passed Tim Hill to handle.
19. Tim Hill made a motion to purchase 1 wreath to be placed on the grave of Bernard A. Bendle our Posts namesake in Flushing. Todd Beedy gave Tim Hill $15 to purchase a wreath.
20. Tim Hill stated that the following are posted on the bulletin board: 6th District minutes, new Department Officers List, addresses for Dave Arceo and Randy Browne and the Departments Good of the Legion.
21. Mike Strauss stated that the bed bugs are under control at the cabin. Old flooring was pulled and a new floor installed. Roofing to be done on S.A.L. week.
22. Volunteers working our events should or should not have to pay to come and work the event. Standing Rule Policy needs to be put in place.
23. Parking Lot repair/replacement was brought up. Todd Beedy stated that we need to put at least $500 each month into a separate account slated for the parking lot alone.
24. Post Christmas Party will be held on December 16th. Karen Vincent to do the cooking the rest of the party to be set up by 2nd Vice.
25. Paul Spaniola stated that the S.A.L. Raffle was drawn at the Make A Bucks. Post won $200.
26. Reflective tape of sort needs to be place at then entrance and exit of our parking lot. People have complained that they have a hard time seeing which is which.
27. John Kayanek stated that if you work and want a free drink, you do not get a free drink unless the bartender says you can have a free drink.

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. Bob View
3. Moment of silence for the POW/MIA table.

GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

1. S.A.L.’s have Poker Nights in Davison on December 4, 5th, 6th, & 7th.

Closing Prayer: John Gilbert

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:25

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant