The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

3440 N. Morrish Rd.

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Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 12-05-2021

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

John Kayanek stated that before the start of the meeting he would like to congratulate the University of Michigan for their win over The Ohio State Buckeyes. Tim Hill stated that this was their 3rd win since 2001.

Opening Prayer: John Gilbert

PLEDGE: ALL

PREAMBLE: ALL

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

CABIN CHAIRPERSON: Mike Strauss, present

HALL RENTAL CHAIRPERSON, Chris Trieger, absent

SGT-AT-ARMS: Larry Jean, absent Ken Miller filling in.

HISTORIAN: Ken Cogswell, absent

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Randy Browne, present

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 5 visitors.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, SAL Sqaudron 294
2. Jake Neering, SAL Squadron 294
3. John Knickerbocker, SAL Squadron 294
4. Mike Jameson, SAL Squadron 294
5. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion by Randy Browne to approve minutes as printed. 2nd by Charlie Brunette. Passed.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: Gary Goodall stated that we had $2300.00 donated to the Post in November. Gary also stated that bottles and cans are still coming in. Thank you all for your support.

145 Members have renewed their memberships. Still missing approximately 35.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS AND INITIATION OF CANDIDATES: Gary Goodall made a motion to accept James Albert Rowe. 2nd by Scott Osborn, passed.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Scott Osborn Linden Road VA Clinic now has an Optical Clinic.

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. Don Curtis is in our thoughts and prayers.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jake Neering reminded everyone that Choir Practice is 12-11-21. All proceeds go to support Voices for Children. Doors open at 7am and close at 2 am. Volunteers needed.
2. Larry Luchenbill asked if we need trees to fill in the big gap? I have a guys phone number who does that and I will give him a call. 3 trees need to be replaced.
3. Todd Beedy reminded everyone about the Post Christmas dinner on 12-17-21. K-P starts at noon. Mike Strauss stated that he and Tom Tabor knows how to make the garlic mashed. Todd made a motion for $250 for Balloon-man and $150 for Santa and Mrs. Claus. 2nd by Larry Luchenbill., passed. Volunteers needed to help with prep work on Thursday.
4. Todd Beedy reminded everyone about the Auxiliary Comedy Show. $10 in advance, $15 at the door. If you want food, that is an additional $10. This will take place until April.
5. Todd Beedy stated that the Club Room is rented on a first come first serve basis. You add $50 in the til. If you just don’t show up and room goes unused, and someone else wanted it, you will be charged $50. Big discussion.
6. Todd Stated that on 1-14-22 and 1-15-22 is the Scrap Booking event. Set up will be the 12th & 13th. Volunteers needed.
7. Todd stated that if you need anything for the holidays, help for the families, there are a lot of resources out there, ie Old News Boys, Carriage Town United Way.
8. John Kayanek stated that there are 2 trees on the board for the Old News Boys. Decorate the trees. Ornaments are $20 ea. Main members has 5 ornaments and SALs have 5 as well.
9. Randy Browne asked if there are copies of the Club Room. Gary stated that they are posted on the board. He continued wanted to know who was in charge of the Club Room and cabin as well. Tim Hill stated that he would send the addendum to Randy. Randy stated that these should fall under “Standing Rules”.
10. Mike Strauss stated that Nick Spanolia, Tom Tabor and himself, went to the cabin and ran all new electric wires for the cabin and redid the electrical panel. Need more insulation in the attic. Total invoice submitted was $400 for parts, labor and covered their fuel cost. Motion by Todd Beedy to send Nick a thank you from the Post to include 1 week free use of the cabin for all of his hard work. 2nd by Scott Osborn., passed.
11. Larry Luchenbill asked about the History book of the Post about being sent to Department. Tim Hill explained the process that the Historian needs to follow.
12. Charlie Brunette updated calendar for January for the AMVETS. Tim Hill asked if there were applications that an be placed in the Club Room for anyone who might be interested. Fees are as follows $33 per year or $280 for Life Membership.
13. Charlie Brunette stated that on 12-18-21 is Wreaths Across America. Parking at Genesys Hospital and take a bus to and from the cemetery.
14. Charlie Brunette stated that the AMVETS are recruiting new members for their Honor Guard. They had nine members but are currently down to 4. New uniforms will be needed soon. Any questions give him a call at 810-814-1651.
15. Mel Mick stated that the Honor Guard is a serious commitment but very rewarding.
16. Paul Spanolia asked if the Honor Guard will take financial donations towards the uniforms. YES!
17. John Kayanek asked about rifles. Currently using VFW rifles. Scott Osborn stated that he will give a training class on the Post rifles for the Honor Guard.
18. John Kayanek asked if the flag needs to be half staff because of the Oxford shooting.Todd Beedy mentioned that the Post flag should be at half staff at the request of the Governor. Todd made a motion that on orders of POTUS, Gov. Of Michigan, National Department of the American Legion or Department of Michigan American Legion besides our OWN house, this is when the flag should be lowered. Motion to table by Todd, 2nd by Tim Hill. Tabled…to be investigated by Judge Advocate, Randy Browne.
19. Department publication of Good Of the Legion will be posted on the board.
20. Tim Hill read a message titled, Nimitz concerning 12-7-1941
21. Mike Strauss asked if the was to be a New Years Eve party here at the Post. John Kayanek stated, as of now, yes but in the Club Room.
22. Tim Hill stated that the Winter Conference is upon us. It is going to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing Michigan on February 11th thru the 13th. Registration is $15 each so if you want to go the registration form is being sent today. Todd Beedy stated that he would like to go. So the Delegated are Tim Hill and Todd Beedy.

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. Randy Browne made a motion to remove tabled item and gave Todd Beedy a copy of the Flag Code to read to the members. Todd made motion for our Commander to be able to make the decision to raise or lower the Flag. 2nd by Scott Osborn. Passed.

Closing Prayer: by John Gilbert

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:30

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant