The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

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Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 09-12-2021

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

Prior to the start of the meeting, Tim Hill stated that as soon as the meeting is adjourned, he needs to leave for the District meeting in Howell so please keep the meeting as short as possible.

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, present

HISTORIAN: Ken Cogswell, present

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Randy Browne, absent

SERVICE OFFICER: Scott Osborn, present

CHAPLAIN: John Gilbert, present

FINANCE OFFICER: Don Rubino, present

2nd VICE COMMANDER: Todd Beedy, absent

1st VICE COMMANDER: Gary Goodall, present

ADJUTANT: Timothy Hill, present

COMMANDER: John Kayanek, present

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Larry Jean, SGT at Arms reported that we have 17 members and 4 visitors.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, SAL Sqaudron 294
2. Dan Spanolia, SAL Squadron 294
3. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
4. Jake Neering, SAL Squadron 294

 READING OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: None read. If you are not receiving the minutes, make sure that I have your email.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT:

Gary Goodall stated that we had $2300.00 donated to the Post in August. Gary also stated that bottles and cans are still coming in. Thank you all for your support.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS AND INITIATION OF CANDIDATES: Gary Goodall reported, Laverne Mitchell, USA, transferred into the Post. Motion by John Gilbert to accept, 2nd by Scott Osborn, motion passed.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

FIANCE REPORT: Don Rubino stated that with Todd Beedy’s health situation, neither could get to the credit union to transfer the powers that be as the Finance officer for the Post. Don provided the balances in all accounts. Don stated that Todd has not filed taxes for the past year. We need to purchase ink for the new printer at a cost of $450. John Kayanek stated that the printer prints 2000 copies. Scott Osborn stated that the ink would come under maintenance, no motion needed.

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Scott Osborn stated that Tim Hill provided him with a copy of the Service Officer training in Holly at the end of the month.

SICK CALL, RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT:

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

2. Spencer Southerby needs our thoughts and prayers.

3. Todd Beedy is home recovering from a back injury.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Dave Arceo mentioned the Pre-Amble to OUR Constitution and how we are to remember All Wars. He spoke of September 11, 2001 and the 20 year anniversary. He mentioned the wonderful service that Commander Kayanek gave at the Veterans Memorial. Dave requested a moment of silence at the end of the meeting to pay respect for the fallen.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mike Strauss stated that the Cabin has been rented out from Memorial Day until October. A new electrical box is to be installed by Nick Spanolia. A new deck is needed. Crown Realty will be donating $1200 to the Legion after the sale of Mike’s parents home.
2. Jake Neering asked that the Post donate the use of the hall for “Choir Practice” on 12-11-21. Cleaning fee will be covered. Motion by Scott Osborn, 2nd by Kenny Miller, motion to donate the hall passed. Membership to support Choir Practice by purchasing shirts.
3. John Kayanek stated that the Car Show is 9-26-21 here at the Post from 1 to 4 p.m. We will need volunteers to help starting around 9 a.m.
4. John Kayanek stated that the Elvis Concert is 9-25-21. Come and shake your booty.
5. Paul Spanolia stated that there are still plenty of raffle tickets to be sold. The drawing is the same day as the car show.
6. Paul Spanolia stated that on 9-11-21, there was a charity Eucher Party. There were 20 main members, 10 SALs, and 9 Aux members. A total of $1053 is being donated to the Post.
7. John Kayanek stated that the Scrap booking will be held on 1-22-22. Save this date. Scott Osborn made a motion to give $400 to purchase gifts for the event. 2nd by Gary Goodall. Motion passed. Your assistance will be needed.
8. John Kayanek stated that there will be an Adult Halloween Party here at the Post on 10-30-21. Entry fee, $20 per person
9. John Kayanek stated that the Auxiliary would like us to donate the hall once a month during the winter months on a Saturday for a Comedy Show fundraiser the day after the show in Durand. Money to go to the Auxiliary. Motion by Tim Hill, 2nd by Dean Messenger, passed.
10. John Kayanek stated that he spoke with the Church 3 weeks ago about leaving and going to the VFW. He stated that the Church don’t want to go there. The church would like 3 more weeks to find a location. Scott Osborn mentioned the Masonic Hall. What do we do. Scott Osborn made the motion to inform the church that they have until 9-26-21 to vacate. 2nd by Gary Goodall. Motion passed.
11. The Post needs an accountant. It was recommended by Dan Spanolia to use Vicky Green, Horizontal Accountants, to go over our finances and get them straight. Motion by Gary Goodall, 2nd by Dean Messinger, motion passed.
12. John Kayanek stated that we received a picture of Richard Dubay, our new Department Commander.
13. Tim Hill stated that we received a letter from the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation thanking us for the donation in the name of Thomas Turner.
14. Tim Hill stated that after the Post meeting today, there will be the 6th District meeting in Howell if anyone would like to accompany him.
15. Tim Hill also stated that at the November meeting here at the Post, the 6th District meeting will be held here in Swartz Creek. Please plan on attending.
16. Posted on the board, information about Camp LeJeune as a chemical dumping ground.
17. Headstone cleaning at Great Lakes National Cemetery on October 9th
18. Tim Hill stated for the record that a letter was provided to each of the finance officers to take with them to the credit union so that Don Rubino could be listed on the account as the new finance officer.
19. Tim Hill stated that he has been given a flier for the car show and the scrap booking event and will get them posted.
20. Anyone in our Post know of a scout troop, please make sure that they know about the Fall Camporee coming up in October.
21. New Department directory has been posted on the board.
22. This Thursday through Sunday we have the Fall Conference at Shanty Creek in Bellaire, Michigan.
23. This coming year, we have 5 different individuals running for Department Commander. One is Marilyn Britton from 6th District, Catherine Buckley Post 1111, Dave Babbage Allen Park Post 409, and others that I don’t know yet. I have received an email from 6th District wanting full support of Marilyn Britton, Department Finance Officer and National Historian. Scott Osborn asked if I would make a motion to support her. I stated at this time, I would hold off any motions to support any candidate due to the fact that we don’t know who all is running.

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 along with the 9-11 Memorial.

GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

1. Well, Freddy showed up a little late but was in time to here everyone wish him a happy 86th Birthday, Once a marine, Always a Marine.
2. Paul Spanolia stated at the Eurcher party, there was a moment of silence for the 9-11 memorial

Closing Prayer: by John Gilbert

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:03

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant