

Dec 6th, 2021 Legion Membership Meeting

7:00pm: The monthly meeting was called to order by Commander with 29 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance, placing of the POW-MIA Flag on the empty chair and the Preamble of the American Legion Conducted. He also introduced Ann a volunteer who has been helping on Tue and Thursdays she provided the meal for after the meeting. Thanks Ann. Dale Mitchell Jefferson County Commander was also present at the meeting.

Roll Call of Officers: All present and or accounted for.

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Finance Officer Herbert reported total assets at \$43,884.99. The itemized report is attached to these minutes.

Firing Squad/Color Guard report: Steve Gillis reports total assets of \$11,514.22. Report attached to these minutes.

Bar/House report: Kirk Grill reports assets at \$1,358.94. Report attached to these minutes.

Membership: Dave reported we are at 300 paid members at this point. Are total for the year is 374 which puts us at 80%. He is looking to step down as the membership chair, he will train his replacement, he's looking to be done on June 30th.

Sick Call: Ward sent a sympathy card to the family of Melvin Borck and George Hackbarth

Commander Hamburgur: Reminded everyone that tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Day everyone should reflect and remember.

1st Vice: Ken reported that he meet with Katy Pirchel from the Watertown High School about the Matt Zindars scholarship changing to the Post 189 scholarship and that all requirements will stay the same.

2nd Vice: Steve has been working on the Constitution.

Service Officer: Dan reported that Badger Boys State is getting up and running they are collecting funds from the usual organizations. We are one of them.

Judge Advocate: Tom reported nothing new for the 4th of July celebration, he did say the garage is full and we don't need anymore donations so please stop bringing stuff.

Communications: We received a thank you from the Purtell family for the military honors he provided at Steve's funeral along with a \$100 donation to the Honor Guard, letters from Rainbow Hospice for our donation for their golf outing. We received a letter from Post 9 in South Dakota for us to make a donation towards a American Legion Baseball complex in Milbank SD as this is the birthplace of Legion Baseball, Kirk will review this and bring up at Jan Membership meeting about us making a donation, we received a Christmas card from ZBM.

Jefferson County Commander: Dale Mitchell reported to us that the County meeting will be on Dec 16th at 7pm in Johnson Creek, we should try and have Post representation. He also asked members to consider taking on a County Legion position, he also said that the Spring County Conference will be Sat April 30th.

Old Business: 2nd Vice Steve Zillmer reported on the Constitution, he said he's got a lot of input from members about this he said the more input the better this is the memberships Constitution, he did receive a copy of the old Constitution from Dennis Johnson this one is dated from 1999, Wayne Winters also presented the 1999 Constitution that he received from the State, Steve went over some changes from the input he has received, he said because of the old Constitution being brought forward that we would not be voting on this until the committee can look over the old Constitution he hopes to bring this to the membership at the Jan meeting, Steve Gillis made a motion that we get members to help Steve Zillmer with the Constitution revisions to include Judge Advocate Tom Brennecke, 2nd by Doug Clemmons, Commander Hamburgur asked for volunteers to help and Jim Schwartz and Wayne Winters will join Steve Zillmer and Tom Brennecke on the revisions to the Constitution.

New Business: Roger Herbert reported that Simon Britts got a donation check of \$50 from Ebenezer cemetery for the grave flags that we put out, Roger also reported that the fireworks company sent a letter stating that the if we keep the same display we had last year it will cost 25% more then last year, after discussion Mary Pat made a motion that we keep the display the same as last year and ask for community contributions to off set cost cost 2nd by Larry Schultz voted on and passed, Roger also said he talked with Turner Hall about the Birthday Banquet meal cost per person would be \$23.55 per person, after discussion there was a motion and 2nd that we make the banquet tickets \$30 a ticket so we can break even on this, voted on and passed. The quilt from the Veterans Day events was up for raffle but we needed 10 people to buy tickets, Dan Stratman went around and sold 10 tickets and Rich Padron won the quilt, proceeded from this go to the American Legion Post 189 scholarship.

Good of the American Legion: Tom Brennecke and Steve Gillis reported that on Dec 18th at 11am at Oak Hill cemetery the Honor Guard will be helping the Civil Air Patrol with placing wreathes on the the graves of Veterans, Wayne Winters said he got a copy of a card from the state of when our Post name was changed, Dave Schoechert thanked Gary Brashers for making the mini Preambles to place in our name tags, Dan Stratman said we have \$20 discount cards for sale at the Post to help the Legion baseball team.

Baseball Raffle: #270: Ken Wzorek

In-house Raffle: Doug Clemmons, Kirk Grill, Russ Marks and Bob Hamburgur.

Adjourned: 8:17pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Kirk Grill

Adjutant