The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

3440 N. Morrish Rd.

P.O. Box 66

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 09-11-2022

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

Opening Prayer: at 10:00 a.m. by Steve Harrington

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, absent Steve Harrington filling in

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 19 members and 3 visitors.

1. John Knickerbocker, SAL Squadron 294
2. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
3. Mike Jameson, 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 $1500.00 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 candidate: Dustin Sampson, USA, Jim Tucker, USN. Motion to accept by Gary Goodall, 2nd Todd Beedy, passed.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: Scott Osborn reported that with Gary Goodall’s assistance he is getting the renewals done. He is waiting for training on the new on line system.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: Todd Beedy stated that he will give his reports under new business.

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

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Brian Machuk reported that he has attended the Service Officer Training in Higgins Lake 9-12th. Brian will also be at the U of M Vet Center in Downtown Flint on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donuts for Vets here from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. on the first Monday if each month. A point of interest, his boss will be coming to check on him on 9-12-22. If anyone has a specific topic that you need brought up, please let me know in advance so I can research it for the meeting.

SICK CALL, RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT:

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

2. Spencer Southerby is not good and needs our prayers, asked John is he would be a pall bearer at his funeral.

3. Dave Lopez lost his grandson.

4. Dave Arceo needs our thoughts and prayers.

5. John Gilbert’s wife is ill and needs our prayers.

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

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

8. Fred Ortiz is ill and needs our prayers.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Todd Stated that the floors will be completely paid off come February 2023.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Todd stated that the AMVETS agreed to help fund all of our events through the end of the year to make it an even quarterly split.
2. Todd stated that we will be having a New Year’s Eve party here at the Post. John Kayanek to have a flier available shortly.
3. Todd gave a shout out to Bruce Badgley for fixing our cooler in the club room.
4. Todd Stated that on October 29th will be the ADULT Halloween Party, flier will be forthcoming.
5. Todd stated that on October 23 will be the Little Rascals Halloween Party.
6. Todd stated that on October 8th is ELVIS here at the Post. Come and help support the Post.
7. Todd stated that on September 25th is our Car Show. Come on out and support the Post.
8. Todd stated that Don Rubino has sent in the paperwork for our Make A Buck licence. Tickets should be out by the second week of October.
9. Todd Stated that the SON’s Euchre Party is this Saturday, September 17th come on out and play.
10. Todd Beedy made a motion to donate $200.00 to the Jeff Storm fundraiser. 2nd by Dennis Cramer, passed.
11. Todd Beedy made a motion to donate a $25.00 gift card to the Jeff Storm Fundraiser Gift Basket that is up for auction. 2nd by Dean Messinger, passed.
12. Todd Beedy made a motion to raise the donation to the Auxiliary Scrap Booking Event from $400 to $600. 2nd by Scott Osborn, passed.
13. Todd Beedy stated that there is a possibility to advertise in Big Money Magazine. A whole page ad would cost approximately $6000 per year. We will look into other avenues for advertising the Post. Sean McCloud suggested an infomercial of our Post and of our Hall and putting it on our Web site and Face Book and other social media outlets.
14. Dennis Cramer stated that there will be a fundraiser for Metro PD here at the Post on September 17th from 12 to 4 p.m.
15. Motion by Todd Beedy for up to $400.00 for supplies for the Jeff Storm Spaghetti Dinner and Auction. Dennis Cramer to be the Chairperson. 2nd by Dennis Cramer. Passed.
16. Mike Strauss made mention that the Cabin “had” bedbugs. It is now bedbug free, has a new deck, new air conditioner, and a new bathroom.
17. John Kayanek stated that he rented the hall on 9-18-22 for a Sports Card Show. If anyone is interested in helping him clean the hall afterward, please get a hold of him after the meeting.
18. Gary Goodall brought up an article in the View concerning the finances of the City of Burton. Article has concerns about multi signatures on checks and more than one person on financial accounts to protect the accounts. Elga Credit Union is in the article. Big discussion ensued
19. Tim Hill stated that with Fall Conference is coming 9-22 to 9-25, we need delegates to represent the Post. Scott Osborn made the motion to send 3 delegates, John Kayanek, Tim Hill and Todd Beedy 2nd by Gary Goodall. Passed.
20. Tim Hill stated that for all of you who does not know, Randy Browne moved to Idaho. His address will be posted.
21. Tim Hill stated that National is really pushing for all renewals, reports and other communications to be done online with My Legion.
22. Tim Hill stated that Veteran Crisis Line…..all you need to do is press 988 then 1.
23. Tim Hill stated that we have received a number of notifications from The Child Welfare Foundation for our departed members.
24. Tim Hill stated that we have a new member hall pricing. Will be posted on the board.
25. Tim Hill stated that we have received thank you notes from the families of Victor Fite and Alex Proux.
26. Tim Hill stated he had honor of setting up a table and address the Swartz Creek Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on Tuesday and on Wednesday for the Flushing Chamber Of Commerce Luncheon.
27. Tim Hill stated that he has done a Pod Cast with the MTA. It is about the American Legion Youth Activities and Scholarships. On the Road Again with the MTA episode 101.
28. Tim Hill stated that he will be having a table for the Legion and his church on the 17th of September for the Veteran Stand Down.
29. Tim Hill stated that today in Leslie there will be the 6th District Meeting.
30. Tim Hill stated that on 10-3-22 there will be the Genesee County Legion meeting in Montrose at the train station.
31. Tim Hill stated that on 11-13-22 the 6th District Meeting will be held HERE. Please plan on attending and making a good show for Post 294.
32. John Kayanek asked Dennis Cramer if there was going to be a memorial for 9-11. Dennis stated that was spearheaded by the Swartz Creek Women’s Group and has fizzled out.
33. Sean McCloud stated that the AM-VETs are looking to start Poker Bingo here at the Post. It will be once a month to start and if it takes off, will be scheduled once a week. This will be held in the club room to begin with.

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. Make A Buck on 11-5-22
2. Veteran’s Day 11-11-22

Closing Prayer: Steve Harrington

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:40

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant