The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

3440 N. Morrish Rd.

P.O. Box 66

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 06-05-2022

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

Opening Prayer: at 10:00 a.m. by Phil LaGuire

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 Phil LaGuire 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 28 members and 3 visitors.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, SAL Squadron 294
2. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
3. John Knickerbocker, S.A.L. Squadron 294

 \*\*Motion by Todd Beedy , 2nd by Scott Osborn to accept the officers of this Post as elected at the May meeting. Passed.

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

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: Scott Osborn reported that this is a great undertaking and with the help of Gary Goodall, the job will be accomplished.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Todd Beedy stated that on the reports on Asbestos. We have passed the visual inspections. No invasive testing was done. A $0.00 fine was issued by MIOSHA because we do not have on file with the township and county.
2. The Queen of Hearts was approved and will begin July 7th. John Kayanek, Don Rubino and Todd Beedy will be the officers on record. All sellers tickets sold and/or unsold must be returned by 7:45 the day of the drawing.
3. The Kiwanis Club will be meeting here at the Post from 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays.
4. Todd mentioned that he would like to approach all four groups, Post, SALs, Auxiliary and the AMVETS about sponsoring the flags at the Miracle League Ball Field being constructed here in Mundy Township on Hill Road by Home Depot. This would cost up to $4,500.00 split between each group, if approved. No POW Flag would be used. He made a motion for Post 294 to spend up to $4500. There was no second, motion failed.
5. Todd made a motion to raise the price for hall cleaning by $50.00 raising the total up to $200.00 2nd by Scott Osborn. Discussion ensued. Passed.
6. Todd made the motion to have the Post pick up the remaining contracts cleaning fee deficit (17 @ $50= $850.00) 2nd by Sean McLoud. passed

FIANCE REPORT: Don Rubino read the report. Cabin purchased a window air conditioner. Motion by Tim Hill to approve subject to audit. 2nd by Steve Harrington, discussion ensued. Passed.

CLUB ROOM REPORT: Gary Goodall stated that there was a total of $2350.00 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: Chad Parenteau, USMC. Motion to accept by Gary Goodall, 2nd Dean Messinger, passed.

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Brian Machuk reported that from the May meeting until June 2nd, he has assisted over 40 Veterans. He also asked the members to be sure to inform other Veterans that he will be here and available on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Will be attending Service Officer Training in August at the Departments expense.

SICK CALL, RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT:

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

2. Spencer Southerby needs our thoughts and prayers.

3. John Gilbert’s wife is home.

4. Larry Jean’s wife is ill.

5. Larry Luchenbill’s wife is ill.

6. Fred Ortiz is ill.

10 MINUTE BREAK: Mike Strauss winner of 50/50 $31.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mike Strauss mentioned that luckily he was available when a water leak happened out in the main hall. This is not the only time that this has happened. This was a water leak from the air conditioner on the roof. Mike mentioned having a plumber that is known by this Post as our Emergency Plumber. Sean McLoud made a motion to accept Matt Tulip as the Posts emergency plumber. 2nd by Todd Beedy. Discussion ensued. Passed.
2. Todd Beedy stated that on June 11th, Legion Post from Lapeer will be having the Legacy Run. They will be here at our Post from 10.30 to 11.15 for a Bloody Mary Bar. Gary will need your help and assistance with this event. 217 people signed up so far.
3. Todd Beedy mentioned that Dragon Cruise is doing well here using our parking lot from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on 6-13, 6-27, 7-11, 7-25, 8-22, 8-25 and they will assist with our car show in September. 29 vehicles were here on Memorial Day and they only expected 9. John Kayanek to do a flier.
4. The Cabin is self sufficient. The rental has paid for any and all repairs thus far. Deck to be installed soon. Air Conditioner was mentioned.
5. Todd Beedy stated that the AMVETS will be providing donuts the first Monday of the month beginning 6-6 from 9 a.m. until noon. Come have Coffee and a Donut with your very own Veteran Service Officer.
6. Todd Beedy stated that June 14th is Flag Day. We will have a retirement ceremony at 7 p.m.
7. Tim Hill stated that there was a donation of $1000.00 to the Post by a person who wished not to be named.
8. Phil LaGuire stated that there were 518 burials at GLNC for the month of May bringing the total to 2888 for the year. Total buried at GLNC 55260.
9. Phil LaGuire stated that there will be a headstone cleaning at GLNC in October.
10. Phil LaGuire has posted a flier, GLNC having an open house for veterans.
11. Todd Beedy stated there will be NO July meeting. Paul Spaniola will be having the Son’s meeting.
12. Tim Hill stated that there will be an E-Board meeting on the 25th of July.
13. Don Rubino stated that the Club Room kitchen is the source of the rodents here at the Post. Frig needs to be pulled out and the kitchen needs cleaned.
14. Bulletin Board by Club Room Rest Rooms is for the Adjutant’s posting. Look for the Convention information.

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. Victor Fite has passed.
3. Norman D. Dickenson has passed.
4. Moment of silence for the POW/MIA table.

GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

1. Reminder, June 14th is Flag Day. There will be a Flag Retirement Ceremony here at the Post at 7 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Phil LaGuire

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:30

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant