The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

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Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 10-02-2022

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:01 AM

Opening Prayer: by John Gilbert

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, present

FINANCE OFFICER: Don Rubino, present

2nd VICE COMMANDER: Todd Beedy, absent

1st VICE COMMANDER: Scott Osborn, absent

ADJUTANT: Timothy Hill, present

COMMANDER: John Kayanek, present

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: We have 28 members and 3 guests.

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

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

CLUB ROOM REPORT: Bruce Badgley stated that there was a total of $1900.00 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: Bruce Badgley announced the candidates: James Vliet and Rick Pickard. Motion to accept by Bruce Badgley, 2nd Dennis Cramer, passed.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: No Report

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

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

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Brian Machuk reported that 1. He visited the open house at the Student Veterans Resource Center at the U of M, in down town Flint. He will be there on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. until to 2 p.m.

1. He will still be here at our Post every Monday. Tomorrow being the first Monday of the month, the AM-VETS will be providing donuts and coffee. Stop in for some great Veteran fellowship.
2. Brian stated that on the 17th of September, the Veteran Stand Down was fantastic big shout out to Bill Palmer and Shannon Garrett from Department of Veteran Services. He stated that he only saw about one third of the event. Brian stated that there were guest speakers, one of whom was our very own Post Adjutant Tim Hill. He also stated that our very own Auxiliary, Unit 294 was present an award for their generous contributions to the Department of Veteran Services of Genesee County. Tim Hill stated that they estimate over 4000 people attended.
3. Brian also gave a big shout out to the Son’s for all the work that they do here at the Post.
4. Brian stated that since he is a Marine, we could think about looking into Toys for Tots as a holiday fundraiser for the kids.
5. Pact Act, if you have questions please contact him.
6. He has had people let him know that there are bubbles in the new floor.

SICK CALL, RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT:

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

2. Spencer Southerby is not in good shape and needs our prayers.

3. Dave Lopez lost his grandson. Fundraiser on Sunday November 6th from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m.

4. Dave Arceo needs our thoughts and prayers. He is unable to make the meetings and requests minutes to be mailed to him.

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

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

7. John Gilbert lost his wife and needs our prayers.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. T-shirts for Jeff Storms are here and are $15 if anyone would like to purchase them.
2. Car Show T-Shirts have been re-ordered if anyone wants some, see John.
3. Elvis, Here on 10-8-22.
4. Little Rascals Halloween Party here on 10-23-22.
5. Adult Halloween Party here on 10-29-22.
6. New Years Eve Party here 12-31-22. John to have a flier.
7. Genesee County Legion Meeting 10-3-22 in Montrose.
8. November meeting will also be the District Meeting here at the Post.
9. AM-VETS to start Poker Bingo here at the Post.
10. Make A Buck here 11-5-22.
11. Veterans Day AND Auxiliary Craft Show 11-11-22 and 11-12-22.
12. Infomercial, Face Book, Web site and or other Social Media? We need to advertise out Post. What is happening? Tim Hill stated that he posts a lot of material on Face Book. If I have a flier, I can get it out onto Facebook for everyone to see.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bruce Badgley asked to have the members proceed to the Hall. He stated the floor was starting to bubble. He wanted the members to examine the floor. Once back in the club room he made a motion to contact the contractor, Adam Van Sykle to see if he had insurance to cover repairs to our $80,000 floor. If repairs could not be completed to hold payment on the floor. 2nd by Ken Bennett. HUGE discussion, passed.
2. The Auxiliary would like to purchase a stack able washer and dryer for their use in washing the Post Linens. Current washer being used for mops. They would like to put them in the store room. Motion by Dean Meisegeier to authorize the auxiliary to use the store room for their new washer & dryer. 2nd by Ron Crichton. Passed.
3. Jeepers Creepers Trunk or Treat 10-22-22 from 4 until 8 p.m.
4. John Kayanek gave a big thank you to the Son’s and the Auxiliary and the main members for their assistance with the Jeff Storms Fundraiser. After expenses, $5800 was raised.
5. John Knickerbocker has been using the credit card assigned to Larry Jean for supplies and maintenance here at the Post. We need to cancel the card for Larry and get a new card assigned to John.
6. John Kayanek stated that here at the Post, we support Old News Boys as a holiday fundraiser for the kids.
7. Tim Hill stated we received a request for a donation from Carriage Town Ministries. We have donated to them for years. With inflation and all, Tim made a motion to donate $150 to Carriage Town. 2nd by John Gilbert, passed.
8. Dennis Cramer stated that the footprint of this Post is amazing and he is Proud to be a member of this Post.
9. Tim Hill stated that he had paperwork for Korean War Veterans Ambassador for Peace Medal. See me after the meeting.
10. Auxiliary, new cost effective way to ship care packages. Information placed into their mailbox.
11. Child Welfare Foundation if we want a new streamer for our flag it would cost $1.00 per member. If you would like to make a individual donation flier is posted.
12. National Emergency Relief Fund which was started after hurricane Hugo in 1989. If you would like to make a donation, paperwork posted.
13. Winter meeting in Feb 2023 located in Lansing. Think about if you would like to be a delegate. Next meeting we will vote on the delegates and get the paperwork submitted.
14. October 2022 Department of Michigan Boy Scout Camporee at Wil-Win. If you know of a Boy Scout troupe how wants to go camping, I have the fliers.
15. Good of the Legion handouts that covers our Youth Programs and Scholarships. I have some, if interested see me after the meeting.
16. Genesee County Probate Court looking for an individual to serve a 3 year term as a member of the Soldier’s Relief Commission.
17. Jobs for veterans. I have a list of companies that work with and hire Veterans. Will be posted.
18. I have a new listing of all Department Officers if anyone is interested.
19. Legion Posts…property and funding if you decide to dis-ban and close…everything belongs to Department, not the Post.
20. There are 17 different committees within the Department. It is requested that every Post adopt some of these similar committees to stay more in touch with the workings of the Post, Department and the Community.
21. October is Cancer Awareness Month.
22. Raffle and gaming information from Department, will pass this onto John Kayanek.

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: John Gilbert

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:10

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant