The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

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Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 05-01-2022

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

\*Prior to the start of the meeting, presentation by Bernie Romain, Miracle League of Greater Flint.

\*Prior to the start of the meeting, awards presented to the Genesee Career Institute JROTC Air Rifle Team by Post & Department.

Opening Prayer: at 10:38 a.m. by Phil LaGuire

PLEDGE: ALL

PREAMBLE: ALL

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

SGT-AT-ARMS: Larry Jean, present

HISTORIAN: Ken Cogswell, absent

SERVICE OFFICER: Scott Osborn, present

CHAPLAIN: John Gilbert, absent

FINANCE OFFICER: Don Rubino, present

2nd VICE COMMANDER: Todd Beedy, present

1st VICE COMMANDER: Gary Goodall, present

ADJUTANT: Timothy Hill, present

COMMANDER: John Kayanek, present

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: We have 27 members and 21 visitors.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, SAL Squadron 294
2. Jake Neering, SAL Squadron 294
3. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
4. Dan Spaniola, S.A.L. Squadron 294
5. John Knickerbocker, S.A.L. Squadron 294
6. Mike Jameson, S.A.L. Squadron 294
7. Kathy Knickerbocker, Unit 294
8. Richard Bridget, prospective new member
9. Wayne Blank, Director, Dept. of MI Jr Shooting Program
10. Zion Delony, JROTC
11. Jacki Merritt, JROTC
12. Karla Westra
13. Mike Westra
14. Will Westra, JROTC
15. Jody Kendrick
16. Scott Kendrick
17. Connor Kendrick, JROTC
18. Stephanie Henry
19. Connor Henry, JROTC
20. Sgt Scott Delay, JROTC
21. Bernie Romain, Miracle League of Greater Flint

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

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT: Gary Goodall stated that we had $2400.00 donated to the Post in March. Gary also stated that bottles and cans are still coming in. Thank you all for your support. 182 Members have renewed their memberships. Still missing approximately 7.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS AND INITIATION OF CANDIDATES: Gary Goodall announced the candidate: Richard Bridget, USA. Motion to accept by Gary Goodall, 2nd Scott Osborn, passed.

FIANCE REPORT: Don Rubino read the report. Cabin purchased a window air conditioner. Motion by Todd Beedy to approve subject to audit. 2nd by Dean Messinger, discussion ensued. Passed.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS: No Report

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Scott Osborn reported that he had no contacts this month. Brian Machuk was re-introduced to the Post as the new VSO for the Department of Michigan, American Legion. He will be working out of our Post for 2 days a week, VSO Office in Flint one (1) and Saginaw VA one (1) day a week. Charlie Brunette stated that the first Monday of every month from 9 to 1 the AMVETS will be providing pastries.

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 in the hospital.

4. Larry Jean’s wife is ill.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Brian Machuk wanted to let everyone know that he is here at the Post on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. with his last appointment at 1 p.m. This may change to only 1 day here at the Post and a day at the Veteran Service Center downtown Flint at the U of M campus. Wednesday’s are downtown Flint, same schedule. VA Hospital in Saginaw on Thursday, same schedule.
2. Mother’s Day Dinner with Dennis Cramer at the Masonic Lodge on Miller Road $15 per plate. Proceeds to the Swartz Creek area food bank.
3. PDC Randy Browne is moving to Idaho.
4. Many thanks to all involved with the cleaning of all of the furniture prior to reloading the main hall.
5. We had 88 people attending the Comedy Show. Great fun by all who attended.
6. There are 9 Make A Buck tickets left. Todd Beedy made the motion the Post to purchase any leftover tickets. 2nd by Scott Osborn. Discussion, save some tickets for the Son’s. passed
7. S.A.L. cash raffle coming soon. Todd Beedy made the motion to purchase up to $200 in tickets. 2nd by Scott Osborn., passed
8. Todd Beedy mentioned that Dragon Cruise would like to use our parking lot 5-19-22/5-29-22 as a staging area from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.. Calendar is clear. Will check for further details. They will assist with our car show.
9. Pack A Day..Care Packages for our troops overseas by our Auxiliary headed by Kathy Knickerbocker was a great success. 108 boxes packed.
10. Thanks to those who helped with the Bar improvements in the hall.
11. Todd Beedy mentioned that 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. Thanks to Mike Strauss, Cabin Chairperson.
12. John Kayanek thanked Paul Spaniola for his group texts getting the word out for the Sons for all of their help with the Post.
13. Items to be posted on the board:
14. VVA 185 Fund Raiser.
15. DAV Chapter 3 Golf Outing Fund Raiser.
16. Community Memorial Day Activities 5-30-22 at Otter Lake.
17. 2022 Department Convention Itinerary.
18. Genesee County Council meeting dates starting in October.
19. Wreaths Across America: 12-17-22 at GLNC.
20. Received notification from Department stating Cadet Connor Kendrick, Gesesee Career Institute JROTC, will be receiving an award.
21. Received Department paperwork that all adjutants receive that needs to be filled out and returned.
22. Amy Lovely from the Auxiliary sent me a copy of the minutes from their meeting. The Auxiliary are considering switching their meeting from Sunday to Monday evening. They will try this for a few months before the final decision is made.
23. Dept Adjutant Ron Runion stated that he received a letter from National stating membership not Post members not paid in last 2 years, they will be removed from the Post reports. Also green sheet for membership will no longer be available.
24. Thank you note was received from the Barb Vincent family.
25. Flushing Raffle Tickets will be here soon. Get ready to help a fellow Legion Post.

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. Alex Proulx has passed.
3. Moment of silence for the POW/MIA table.

GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

1. MAY IS NOMINATIONS/ELECTION OF POST OFFICERS! Come one, Come all.
2. 6th District meeting today in Holt.
3. April Nominations:

Commander: John Kayanek, elected

Adjutant: Tim Hill, elected

1st Vice Commander:

Scott Osborne elected

Gary Goodall, declined

2nd Vice Commander:

Todd Beedy, elected

Finance Officer:

Don Rubino, elected

Chaplain:

John Gilbert, elected

Phil LaGuire, declined

Service officer:

Brian Muchak, elected

Historian:

Steve Harrington, elected

Sgt At Arms:

Bud Grimes, elected

Larry Jean, declined

Mel Mick, declined

Closing Prayer: by Phil LaGuire

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:30

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant

After the meeting, following people who will be attending the 2022 convention in Kalamazoo.

Tim Hill

Gary Goodall

Larry Luchenbill

Todd Beedy

Brian Machuk