

JULY 9th, 2018 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:00 PM The June membership meeting of American Legion Post #189 was called to order by Commander Krueger with 42 members present. The Pledge of Allegiance, placing of the POW/MIA Flag on the empty chair, and reciting the Preamble to the American Legion Constitution were conducted.

Roll call: All present

Special guest Nathan Lampe, a Badger Boys State attendee, addressed the group with a thank you for being given the opportunity to attend and how it opened his eyes on how city government was run. Attendee's were assigned a city and then had to form a working government, from Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, etc. They had to campaign for their selected positions and were then elected or not. A very great learning experience.

Rich Padron, American Legion Baseball Team, requested to address the membership. Rich stated Watertown will be hosting the Regional Legion Baseball Tournament the weekend of August 20th starting at 5:00 PM. He requests a Legion member throw out the first ball at the start of every game. He also stated he is reminding the players to sell their share of the raffle tickets.

Minutes of the June membership meeting were read and placed on file.

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Financial Report: Finance Officer Herbert reports total assets at \$115,377.45. A copy of the itemized report is attached to these minutes.

Bar/House report: Chairman Grill reports assets at \$1029.94

Honor Guard report: Assets at \$10,521.07.

Membership: Chairman Schoechert reported 2018 membership at 98%, being 8 members short of 100%. The 2nd. District was at the top with membership at 94%, so the Department as a whole did not do very well. He also reminded members that the membership dues notification for 2019 have been sent. They are sent early in hopes that all members will have paid their 2019 dues by the end of 2018.

Adjutant Schultz received requests for membership into Legion Post \$189 from: Kurtis P. Larsen, US Army, Lebanon/Grenada; Kevin Larson, US Navy, Gulf War; Lorenzo Lewis, US Air Force, Gulf War; Jason Davis, US Army, Gulf War; MaryPat Shandor, US Air Force,

Lebanon/Grenada. Bob Saeger made a motion to accept them into membership, 2nd. Ken Wzorek, carried.

Building Committee: Chairman Britts stated bids have been submitted for putting vinyl siding on the north, east, and west side of our building. The Executive Board is recommending to the membership to accept the bid from Jerrys Construction for \$11,000 plus and to proceed with the project. Britts made a motion to accept the Boards recommendation, 2nd. by Schauer. After several questions and comments, the motion passed with a majority voting yea.

Sick Call: Chaplain Genz sent a "get will" card to Judy Wade and a sympathy card to the family of Fred Cornelius.

Service Officer Stratman read thank you letters from the other 3 boys who attended Badger Boys State. Griffin Harris

Communications: Adjutant Schultz received thank you letters from Jillian DeGrandt, School Medal winner; a thank you from Ralph Grady for thinking of him during his recent illness; a request from Rainbow Hospice for a donation for their Golf Scramble on August 16, Watertown Country Club.

Old Business: Dan Stratman and Roger Herbert have done research on the Haus of Peace and found it to be a legitimate operation and one that is needed in Watertown. Motion made, 2nd., and carried to donate \$250 to Haus of Peace.

New Business: MaryPat Shandor was given the oath of the American Legion and sworn in as a member of Post #189, Dept. of Wisconsin, and National Headquarter.

Schultz made motion to pay the 2019 dues of George Booth, Purple Heart recipient, for the work he did repairing the fire escape stairs on the rear of the building. He did not charge for labor. Motion 2nd., carried.

Motion to sponsor a hole at the Rainbow Hospice Golf Scramble in the amount of \$200, 2nd., carried.

Brat Fry at Glenns: Fuzz reported \$150.00 in tips and \$538.74 from the sale of brats.

8:07 PM

The drawing for the July 4th. American Legion raffle was conducted. Prizes awarded to the following:

\$500 – Karyn Cable; \$200 – Max Stueber; \$100 - Mark Rohr; \$100 - Doug Clemmons; \$50 – Wayne Ninmann; \$50 – Craig Thayer. Motion to destroy the tickets, 2nd., carried. Grill to destroy.

Baseball raffle: VFW Post 3709

In House raffle: Voigt, Hamburgur, Schultz, Tassler, Giese, Wzorek, and Schumann

Adjourned a 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Adjutant