**Minutes of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin**

Attendance: 16 11 January 2018

Time Convened: 6:30pm

Reading of the last meeting minutes: Handed out January exec committee minutes and November 2017 membership meeting minutes. Motion passed and accepted as posted.

Commander Jerry held a moment of silence for the members we lost in 2017, Pete Eckstein, Francis Collins, Art Grindle, Willis Martinson, Phil Halverson, and Richard Lornson.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee: (Larry)**

Accounts Total: 39,159.75 Total minus restricted funds: 30,502.61 Savings: 8,093.74

**Membership Committee: (Mike)**

-107 Members renewals / transfers received by the Post to date. We surpassed the membership numbers from last year. Keep up the great work.

-Alejandro Schloesser has a membership form to fill out. He’s back from training

**Jr. Shooting Sports Committee: (Craig)**

-January and February dates set

**Scholarship Committee: (Commander Jerry)**

-Scholarships for Spencer, Elise will need to be paid this month. $500 each

-Scholarship for Matthew Thompson will be paid out this month, his scholarship is for designing the Freedom Tower for our Memorial - $50

**Youth and Family Committee: (Commander Jerry)**

-Badger Boys and Girls State - MHCF $1500, Chamber $250, Rotary $500, Optimists $275, Lions $400 - We have received $2925 from other service organizations. Motion last summer to send one additional male and female

-Recommend we pay for 6 boys and 6 girls it comes out to $3600 – **Motion Passed**

**House Committee: (Rebecca)**

-NSTR

**Memorial Committee: (Vacant)**

-Coordinate the Flag Holiday Program - Dates this year – Memorial Day-28 May, Flag Day-June 14th, 4th of July, Labor Day-Sep 3rd

-John Berryman - Post’s rep MH Veteran’s Memorial Association Board – Advisory Voting on Board Members and By Laws – All votes were unanimously for (16) with all board of directors, by laws, and officers

**Fundraising Committee: (Scott)**

-Culvers Share Day 2018 – Rebecca, Paul and Ed – Paul to request Wednesday, March 21st, funds raised to be donated to the Mount Horeb Veteran’s Memorial

-Dates for Brats in the Lot – June 30th and July 28th

-Flag Holiday Program dates listed above.

-MH American Legion Golf Outing Sep 15th at Edelweiss

-Possible Steak Feed at the VFW as a fundraising event 5 May 4:30 – 9 PM. Need at least 5 people to work it – **Motion to donate profits to Mt Horeb Veterans Memorial Association Passed**

**Visitation Committee: (John, Jim)**

-Visited Veterans at Ingleside and Inglewood prior to Christmas

**Honor Guard Committee: (Paul)**

-Pass and Review and Honor Guard for Willis Martinson went very well

-Honor Guard Members please respond to Paul when he sends out an email

-Ruth Smart Memorial 2-3 PM January 16th @ Ingleside Chapel. At 3PM the Honor Guard will play Taps and present her daughter Barb Bruhn a British flag.

**Sick Call, Relief, and Employment:**(keep these and all veterans in your thoughts and prayers)

- John and Merita Berryman, Ralph Buechner, Sylvester Sutter, Al Bendickson, Neal Fargo

- Please keep our deployed Legion Member – David, in your thoughts and prayers as well.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Korean Era Recognition Dinner – 1st committee meeting 6:30 January 10th @ Culvers

**New Business and Correspondence:**

-Deforest Chamber hosting a bowling tournament Jan 20th for Badger Honor Flight

-Department Bowling Tournament info available

-Department Golf Outing for 2018 info available Sat September 8th @ Maple Crest Country Club Kenosha, WI

-Calendar Shell

-Executive Committee Meeting moved to 6 PM on the second Tuesday of the month.

**For the Good of the American Legion:**

-Midwinter Conference 19-21 JAN, 2018 at Ho Chunk – Scott, Mike and Jerry attending

-115th Fighter Wing Madison will have a listening session @ MATC to get community feedback to them receiving the F35 squadron. More info to follow

**Positives from December 2017:**

-December Gathering went great thank you to everyone for making it such a huge success

-Newspaper Articles

-Pass and Review and Honor Guard for Willis Martinson

-Visit to Ingleside and Inglewood prior to Christmas was very well received

-Donated a free month’s rent to Dylan and Amber

-Donated $200 to Lenee Anderson

-Received Veteran grave site locations for Perry Lutheran Cemetery

-Collected over $150 for Lenee and her family at the December Gathering

-Badger Boys and Girls State check received from Rotary Club for $500

-107 members have renewed or transferred in we are over our total from last year. Keep up the great work. Keep growing our Legion Family

-Received word that MH Community Foundation Badger Boys and Girls State Grant was approved. Presentation was January 8th

-Donated $250 to the Mount Horeb School Music Program

-Donated $1000 to the Community Sign Project

**Upcoming Events:**

JAN 11 – 6:30 Member Meeting

JAN 18-21 – WI American Legion Midwinter Conference

Next Meeting: 08 February 2018 at 6:30pm

Time Adjourned: 7:42 PM

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