The American Legion

BERNARD A. BENDLE Post 294

3440 N. Morrish Rd.

P.O. Box 66

Swartz Creek, MI 48473

DATE: 11-07-2021

10 MINUTE WARNING: 9:50 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

Opening Prayer: John Gilbert

PLEDGE: ALL

PREAMBLE: ALL

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

CABIN CHAIRPERSON: Mike Strauss, present

HALL RENTAL CHAIRPERSON, Chris Trieger, absent

SGT-AT-ARMS: Larry Jean, present

HISTORIAN: Ken Cogswell, absent

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Randy Browne, excused

SERVICE OFFICER: Scott Osborn, present

CHAPLAIN: John Gilbert, present

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: Larry Jean, SGT at Arms reported that we have 25 members and 8 visitors.

1. Paul Spanolia, Commander, SAL Sqaudron 294
2. Jake Neering, SAL Squadron 294
3. John Knickerbocker, SAL Squadron 294
4. Dan Spanolia, SAL Squadron 294
5. Mike Strauss, SAL Squadron 294
6. Jim Ballard, SAL Squadron 294
7. Art Diffin, Zone 3 Commander
8. Roger Deaton, Adjutant Post 141, Howell

READING OF THE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: None read. If you are not receiving the minutes, make sure that I have your email.

1st VICE COMMANDERS REPORT:

Gary Goodall stated that we had $2200.00 donated to the Post in August. Gary also stated that bottles and cans are still coming in. Thank you all for your support.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS AND INITIATION OF CANDIDATES: Gary Goodall reported none at this time.

2nd VICE COMMANDER COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Todd Beedy stated that there were 134 people at the Make A Buck event. Will have all receipts turned in within a week.

FIANCE REPORT: Don Rubino read the report. Motion by John Gilbert to approve subject to audit. 2nd by Todd Beedy, discussion ensued. Passed.

POST SERVICE OFFICER’S REPORT: Scott Osborn reported on the Fiddlers Green out of Corunna. Marilyn Britton and Gary Easterling was contacted to check into this possible veterans facility.

SICK CALL, RELIEF AND EMPLOYMENT:

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

2. Spencer Southerby needs our thoughts and prayers.

3. Larry Luchenbill is in our thoughts and prayers.

10 MINUTE BREAK:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Todd Beedy reminded everyone of the upcoming craft show 11-13.
2. Todd Beedy reminded everyone of the upcoming Comedy Club on 11-20. Tickets ate $10 each with a Potato Bar for $10 as well.
3. Todd Beedy reminded everyone about the Veteran’s Day memorial service presented by the VFW with bean soup following at their post on Elms Road.
4. Todd Beedy reminded everyone about the Scrap Booking event on January 13/14/15 2022 Amy already has 25 tables registered. Your assistance will be needed.
5. Todd Beedy stated that there is a military appreciation dinner to be held at the New Life Church in Flushing on 11-9-21 from 6 until 8.
6. Roger Deaton stated that there will be a free meal for all veterans at Post 141 in Howell on Veteran’s Day.
7. Charlie Brunette stated that this coming Veteran’s Day will be the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
8. Tim Hill stated that all minutes and flyers that Todd Beedy referred to were sent to everyone that I have good emails for. If you did not receive the material, give me you email.
9. Winter Conference is upon us. It is going to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Lansing Michigan on February 11th thru the 13th. Meetings start Thursday afternoon and training sessions start on Friday afternoon. Registration is $15 each so if you want to go.
10. Tim Hill stated that he posted flyer Operation Toy Soldier.
11. Tim Hill stated that martin’s Funeral Home also has a flyer out about retiring your Flag. We do that here. I am currently looking around for an old mail box so we can transform that into our own depository for flags.
12. Oak Street Health sponsoring Veterans Appreciation Day on 11-9-21.
13. Tim Hill stated he posted MI-DAV/VFW report on the board.
14. Tim Hill stated that he sent an email concerning By-Laws and Standing Rules. Please review this information. Will be discussed more at the December meeting.
15. Tim Hill Stated the the 6th District Minutes are posted on the Board.
16. Tim Hill stated that after the November meeting here at the Post, the 6th District meeting will be held here in Swartz Creek at 1 p.m. Please plan on attending. The Auxiliary will be hosting a lunch at a cost of $8 for each who partake.
17. Tim Hill stated 11-6-21 was Flint Firebirds Veteran’s Night Hockey. Table was set up and applications and information was handed out. Department of Veteran Services was there as well.
18. Tim Hill read Veteran’s Day reading, Arlington Cemetery.
19. John Knickerbocker reported on the Old News Boys and their Christmas Trees. Todd Beedy made a motion to donate $100 to the Old News Boys. 2nd by Dean Messinger, Passed.
20. John Kayanek mentioned Carriage Town Ministries. Todd Beedy made the motion to donate $100. 2nd by Don Rubino, passed.
21. Tim Hill described and spoke about the “Back Pack” sponsored by the Genesee County Department of Veteran Services in Flint. Motion by Scott Osborn to donate $250 to the back pack program. 2nd by Dean Messinger, passed.
22. Dave Arceo commented on Veteran’s Day. On Feb 2, 1943 a convoy set out. On Feb 3, 1943 at 12:55 a.m. U223 struck. Four Chaplains are remembered.
23. Charlie Brunette stated that the AMVET’s housed at the VFW on Elms Road to our Legion Post. Motion by Gary Goodall to permit AMVETS to move their charter to our Post. 2nd by Scott Osborn. Discussion held. Not becoming part of the Legion just changing address on their charter to our location. Motion passed.
24. Jake Neering stated that anyone who would like to assist with Choir Practice on 12-11-21.

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. Memorial for James Cook has been held.
3. Moment of silence for the POW/MIA table.

GOOD OF THE AMERICAN LEGION:

1. Remember District meeting today at 1 p.m.

Closing Prayer: by John Gilbert

TIME ADJOURNED: 11:30

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Timothy W. Hill

Adjutant