

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, November 5, 2018

- I. Call to Order by Commander Ray Gerkitz at 1906 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures.
- II. Roll Call: All present except: JrVice Robert Hatala; Judge Advocate Joe Navarro; Trustee Bob Olson; Gaming Chair John Taylor. 23 present = Quorum achieved.
- III. Typed Minutes (Belated acknowledgment) presented. Motion to waive reading by Terry Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Ron Slafer, Finance Officer: Bingo: Motion/accept by Tom Przybyla; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Kennedy. (P) (U)
  - B. Jeff Roche, Bar Manager: Motion/accept Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Phil Sterba. (P) (U)
  - C. Ron Slafer: Pull Tabs: Video. Motion/accept Przybyla; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Hinkelman. Passed (U)
  - D. Dave Kennedy: Service Officer Motion/accept Jeff DeLaGarza; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sterba. Passed (U)
  - E. Adj: 1 New, x-fer in: Robert Emanuelson, Army, VN. M/Sexton; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sterba. (P) (U)
- V. Correspondence and Business
  - A. Thank You (T.Y.) received from OHS Volleyball Team, for our support, and donation ,for the "Dark Horse Lodge."
  - B. T.Y. from the Dark Horse Lodge for our \$200 donation.
  - C. T.Y. from Department of Illinois American Legion for our \$500 donation to The "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" fund; it provides Christmas gifts to veterans in nursing homes.
  - D. Commander purchased new, \$100 coin commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the American Legion. The money is divided evenly between our Four Pillers: Special Olympics, Scouting; GTTYWG, and the Oratorical contest programs. It will be inserted into a display plaque at the Legion, as a legacy to the Post for our 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration.
  - E. Schueler: Auxiliary's Post Christmas Party for the Children is coming up on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion to provide \$500 by Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Przybyla. Passed (U)
  - F. Schueler: Major repairs are needed upstairs (ceiling; both bathrooms; storage areas . Executive Board solicited bids. Vissering was chosen at the combination pricing to do all the work at once of \$59,253. Bingo will have to close down for 2 to 3 weeks, but it is necessary. E-Board recommends this project to be done as presented. (Contingency needs not included.) Willet: These repairs were needed but rejected years ago. It is time that we make these improvements for the good of our future veterans and families. Vissering did the work for the new addition at the LaSalle Veterans Home; they are very professional. He compliments the E-Board for their decision and moves that this be done; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeff DeLaGarza. Discussion: Al Rowe inquired about the available finances. Slafer said we could make it happen, taking funds from several internal accounts, but

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not the CD. No other earmarks on funds. Floor asked about pursuing grant monies. Trustees, and Schueler, to investigate that option, plus ask support from Home Depot. Question called; Passed Unanimously.

- G. Duback: Thank You to Post for supporting our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 24-Hour Veterans Honor Guard Vigil. Everyone rallied another good presentation to the Ottawa area community, calling attention to the approaching Veterans Day Ceremony which will be hosted by the Ottawa Memorial Association, and supported by Post 33 and other area veteran groups. To applause.
  - H. Duback: We need to honor one of our own humble members, Al Rowe. For several years he has been volunteering at the LaSalle Veterans Home (LVH), last year giving over 160 hours of service. For this, the LVH nominated him to be one of the 200 veterans to be acknowledged for their service, for Illinois' 200<sup>th</sup> Bicentennial Celebration this December. To applause. Al graciously accepts this honor on behalf of our veterans who are no longer with us. To applause.
- VI. New Business
- A. Lions Club Veterans Dinner is this Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>, for those who RSVP'd by last week. 5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 pm Meal.
  - B. Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>: Breakfast at Pleasant View Lutheran Home at 8:00 AM. Meet at Post 33 at 7:45AM and convoy up.
  - C. Nanouski: Ottawa Memorial Association Veterans Day Ceremony will begin on Sunday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM at the War Memorial in Washington Square. Color Guard to participate. Bob Cupples will be leading the Honor/Color Guard Team now, as Jim is stepping back from frontline leadership. He was given a round of applause for his years of service to Post 33. Also, a round of applause was given in honor of Jim's Dad Michael, who was buried last weekend, for his years of service to Post 33, especially to the Bingo Committee.
  - D. Duback: Requested help on Wed. Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM to help tear down the Sentry Post used for the Vigil. Schueler: We have some extra tables that were used to help at the Vigil. We should donate four of them to Ottawa First, for future support at the Vigil; stored with our other items at the City Garage. So moved, Willet; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Przybyla. (P)(U)
  - E. Calendar: Veterans breakfast at upcoming at Church on Hitt Street. Lincoln School veterans program at 9:30 AM on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Jefferson School program is on 11/27 at 10:40 AM. McKinley School program is on 11/29 at 10:40 AM.
- VII. Cupples: Departed Members/Veterans for October acknowledged, with prayers: 1. Harvey Letherman; 2. Norman Marshall. 3. Michael Anderson. 4. James Mustered.
- VIII. Standard Closing Procedures; prayers, Chaplain Cupples.
- IX. Adjournment at 1949 Hours.

Drawings: #269-Ray Gerkitz #373-Maynard Myer, Absent