

- I. Call to Attention at 1900 hours by SrVice Roger Schueler, to receive an announcement from guest Legion Auxiliary Unit 33 President Jean Firlik. Jean thanked us for the support of our Legion Family at last Saturday's successful Oktoberfest Party here at Post 33. To applause.
- II. Call to Order by Commander Ray Gerkitz at 1902 hours. Standard Opening Procedures. Guests acknowledged: Immediate Past 12th District Commander A.C. "Dave" Davis; his wife, Melinda, this year's 12th District Auxiliary President, and Sue Schaeffer, Past Auxiliary 2nd Division President. Melinda's "Special Project" this year is the "Fischer House Foundation." It is best known as a network of comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment, such as at Hines VA Hospital. (Comment: Bob Cokley received superior service, overnight lodging and meals there, when he had occasion to use it.) Raffle tickets available through Dave, for those interested in supporting the cause.
- III. Roll Call: all present except: JrVice Hatala; Trustee Olson; Trustee DeLaGarza; Judge Advocate Navarro; Service Officer Kennedy, excused. 21 present = Quorum achieved.
- IV. Minutes reviewed. Motion/Waive Reading by Chuck Beckett; 2nd, Tom Przybyla. Passed (U)
- V. Committees
 - A. Membership, Adjutant Duback: Post at 60.81%. Two new members, pending paperwork:
 1. Cyrano Rayfield, Marine Corps, Gulf; 2. Clare Coley, Navy, Gulf. Motion to accept by John Taylor; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (P) Unanimously (U) Commander: New membership recruiting pin criteria is posted on our bulletin boards-please review.
 - B. Finance Officer Ron Slafer: Bingo Motion/accept, John Taylor; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (U)
 - C. Gaming Chair John Taylor: Pull Tabs: Motion/accept Ed Stash; 2nd, Tom Przybyla. Passed Unanimously.
 - D. Bar Manager Jeff Roche: Motion/accept Phil Sterba; 2nd, Bob Cokley. Passed (U)
- VI. Old Business and Correspondence
 - A. Roger Schueler: Update: Bingo area needs repairs. Bid was \$22,989. Will seek more bids.
 - B. Thank You (T.Y.) received from James Conness family/Honor Guard services, with \$500.
 - C. Donation Request (D.R.) from the Salvation Army; we gave \$100 last year. So moved by John Taylor; 2nd, Bob Cokley. Passed (U)
 - D. T.Y. from Jerry and Mary Sexton for our support of their Ride for St. Jude Kids. His group had 26 bikes and 56 people who collected \$101,000. The regional group had 230 bikes and 380 people, who collected \$920,300; their 12-year total collected is \$6.2 million! The need is \$2.25 million a day to run St. Jude's. His regional group has set an area goal of \$1 million for next year. To applause.
- VII. New Business

- A. Tenth Annual 24-Hour Veterans Honor Guard Vigil will be on Friday/Saturday, Nov. 2-3, 2018 in Washington Square, downtown Ottawa. Opening Ceremony 4:40 PM Friday,

- Nov. 2; Closing, sat. Nov. 3rd at 5:00 PM. Motion to support with newspaper and radio advertising, and food expenses, by Phil Sterba; 2nd, Tom Przybyla. Passed (U)
- B. If we want to have the Army vs. Navy football game on Sat. December 8th, we will need a new chairperson and committee. Volunteers, please see the Commander.
- C. It is time to prepare for the "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" program, where we provide a gift to nursing home veterans. Motion/\$10 cash gift to those same by Taylor; 2nd, Cokley. (P) (U) Motion/\$500 to Dept/IL "GTTYWG" program Sterba; 2nd, Sexton. (P) (U)
- D. The next quarterly burial for veterans without immediate family will be on Tuesday, October 9th. Meet at Post 33 at 7:30 AM to convoy over to Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, or meet us there by 9:00 AM.
- E. Update: Joe Tokarz and Matt Weaver have submitted a provisional set of By-Laws to National for their review, to authorize our own post Amateur Radio Club. They hope to present them to us at the November Meeting (= Nov. 5th.)
- F. We will again support the Ottawa High School "Volley for Vets" fundraiser program, Tuesday evening at 5:00 PM. We need to get the names of our veterans attending to Head Volleyball Coach Jen Crum, so they can prepare certificates. The net proceeds go to the "Dark Horse" campground. Executive Board (E-Bd) approved \$250 donation; so moved by Bob Cupples; 2nd, Phil Sterba. Passed (U)
- G. Jim Nanouski: E-Bd approved a \$500 donation to Fischer House. So moved by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Chuck Beckett. Passed (U)
- H. There will be a free steak dinner is Streator at the PNA (Polish National Alliance) Hall on Saturday, October 13th, to honor veterans. We must RSVP our attendance; see Adj.
- I. Chuck Beckett: The Lions Club will again provide a free meal to veterans and their spouses, in honor of Veterans Day. It will be on Thursday, Nov. 8th; call for reservations. Post will provide them a new flag.
- J. Ed Stash: He attended the National Convention in Minneapolis last August. 26 of the 29 Resolutions from Illinois were approved. Resolutions trying to change Korean service dates "to present" was sent back to committee, as was the one dealing with Reservists. Note: There will not be a dues increase for at least three more years. Big push coming for the Legion 100th Anniversary Year. Motion to buy two banners at \$29 each by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
- K. Utica's annual Veterans Parade will be on Sunday, Nov. 4th.
- VIII. Departed members: SGT-at-Arms Cupples: 1. James Conness; 2. Gene Kopec; 3. Archie Wright, with prayers.
- IX. Standard Closing procedures, with prayers by Chaplain Cupples. Next meeting 11/5 @ 7 pm.
- X. Adjournment at approximately 1945 hours.

Drawings: #247: Tom Przybyla #248: Donald C. Johnson, absent