

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Tuesday, April 6, 2021

- I. Called to Order at 1900 Hours by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla. Standard Opening Procedures (Prayers by Assistant Chaplain Bob Cupples; Salute to Colors; POW/MIA Memorial; Preamble)
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Trustee DeLaGarza; Excused, Election Judges: PC Gerkitz & SVC Officer Olson; Excused: Chaplain Sterba, health. 18 Present = Quorum.
- III. Prepared Minutes submitted. Motion/Wave Reading Cokley; 2nd, Sexton. Passed (U)
- IV. New Members, Adjutant: Lapsed Post members returning: David LeGare, Gulf, Marine Corps; Mark W. Smith, Gulf, Army; Transferring In from IL 2910: Leo Schunke Sr, Army, Vietnam Era; New, Lapsed, Returning: Anthony Zemaitas, from IL 0991, Global War on Terrorism, Marine Corps; Transfer in from IL 2910: Larry Linn Sr, Navy, Vietnam. Motion to accept by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Ron Slafer, Finance Officer: February: Building Fund: \$2k taken from Grant Funds, to ward post utilities and bills. Honor Guard. All Accounts Balances provided. (All report Numbers are placed on file for review.) Motion/Accept, Bob Cupples; 2nd, Matt Weaver. Passed (U)
 - B. Slafer, March: Bingo: Donation out, to Salvation Army. Building Fund received Queen of Hearts moneys. Tile moneys submitted. Przybyla family donation toward computers. Honor Guard fund report. All accounts Balance. Motion to accept/Tony Roudebush; 2nd, Ron Leiteritz. Passed Unanimously
 - C. Slafer, Gaming, February: Pull Tabs, plus balance; Video, plus also. Balance statement. Motion/approve Cokley; 2nd, Cupples. Passed (U)
 - D. Slafer, Gaming, March: Pull Tabs, Video, plus gains; Account balances. Motion to accept by Matt Weaver; 2nd, Roudebush. Passed (U)
 - E. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: March: Income/Expenses reported; plus gains. Motion to accept by Cupples; 2nd, Kolotka. Passed (U)
- VI. Old Business
 - A. \$500 Scholarships for both Ottawa and Marquette High Schools need to be approved. So moved by Ron Slafer; 2nd, Matt Weaver. Passed (U)
- VII. New Business and Correspondence
 - A. Executive Board approved a pay raise for Bar Manager.
 - B. Bar Cooler needs to be replaced; freon replacement and repairs too costly.
 - C. Request from our Auxiliary, to support the upcoming Poppy Days in May/Yes, as usual.
 - D. Our janitor (Lisa) may be moving away. May, temp. hire Brenda to replace. (She does a very good job at the Moose-Stash.)
 - E. Discussion: Approve a certain member to be removed from the "No shots" list? No
 - F. E-Board approved, Trustee DeLaGarza arranged for Craig Moore to fix window leaks. Upstairs Kitchen windows added, also. Approx. total: \$500. Motion approved.
 - G. Upstairs floor repairs needed. Tabled, for more estimates.

- H. Adjutant: Need to review dues upgrade. Since last meeting, dues notice of a \$4/annual increase received. Ed Stash, new information: 12th District voted to oppose this change, which will be brought to the floor of the Convention in July to discuss. If changed, should not happen until January of 2022 at earliest. No action taken.
- I. Queen of Hearts question reviewed at E-Board: Must patrons buy a drink before being able to purchase tickets? Adjutant did not find any qualifying notes in old minutes. Discussion had followed. E-Board decided "No" to require a drink purchase before purchasing Queen of Hearts tickets. Bartenders are to be reminded, to have non-drink buying patrons to use the tables to prepare their tickets, leaving the bar stools open for drink customers.
- J. Thank You (T.Y.) received from Voluntary Action Center, for our donation.
- K. New cash register committee update reviewed. Met with Ms Savanna Hauge of Integrated POS, who is writing up a proposal. Matt Weaver (IT) coordinating updates.
- L. LaSalle County Veterans Home Advisory Board Minutes available at post for review.
- M. List of Legion Award Program deadlines reviewed. (Adj addendum: Requested, that members provide names for candidates for Firefighter/Police Officers of the Year, among the nine award categories mentioned.)
- N. Ron Leiteritz read a letter from Janice Eick. She sent in checks presented as a memorial to her husband Jim, and requested the names of any other donations in his behalf, so she can send Thank Yous. Ron Slafer provided those names.
- O. Our Boy Scout Troop 0744 Scoutmaster Tom Ditchfield sent us an email, offering to partner with Exelon employees for a major clean-up/work project at Post 33. Cmdr: Yes.
- P. Letter from City Hall, asking if we'll accept a Memorial Bench to place in front of post, from the Shiek Stoudt family. Yes, we'll accept.
- Q. Weekly Membership tallies reviewed; Post at 97.01 %.
- R. Ed Stash: We need to approve Boy's State candidates for June of this year. This year, both Seniors and Juniors can apply. Cost to post is \$300 each; no bus support this year. Motion to approve by Stash; 2nd, Ron Leiteritz. Passed (U)
- S. Stash: Also recommend that we contribute to the National Emergency Fund (post members received support during area tornado of 2017) and the Department of Illinois Emergency Fund (Department Commander's Special Project). Motion of \$250 each by Ed Stash; 2nd, Tony Roudebush. Passed (U)
- VIII. Bob Cupples: Departed Members and Veterans: 1. James Lozier; 2. Joe Neurohr; 3. Ricky L. Stayton; 4. John W. Blossy; 5. Robert L. Underwood; 6. Edward J. Bundy. With prayers
- IX. Adjutant: Nominations are open for next year's officers; form posted in bar area.
- X. Standard Closing Procedures (Prayer, Salute to Colors)
- XI. Adjournment at 1936 Hours

Drawings: #769 Tony Roudebush #245 Russ Kleckner, absent