

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, February 7, 2022

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1906 Hours with the Salute to Colors. Floor Yielded to Chaplain Bob Cupples, to acknowledge the memory of the sacrifices made and dedication to duty of the Four Chaplains aboard the United States Army Transport Dorchester, tragically sunk by a German U-Boat while crossing the Atlantic on February 3, 1943. When life jackets ran out, the Four Chaplains passed their jackets to four younger men. With prayers. Standard Opening Meeting procedures continued.
- II. Roll Call: All present, except: Trustee Kolotka (excused); Service Officer Kennedy (excused); PC Ray Gerkitz (work). Judge Advocate, vacant. 14 present plus one Guest (= Quorum.)
- III. Typed Minutes presented for review. Motion to suspend the Reading by Ed Stash; 2nd, Bob Cupples. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. Membership report: Renewal updates: Joe Hughes; Dan Tacadena; Phil Loughran. 1. New: William Jones Jr, Army, GWOT; Recruiter, Duback. 2. New Boyd Martin, Marine Corps, GWOT; Recruiter, Ron Tardio. 3. Robert Hysin Marine Corps, Korea; Recruiter, Duback. 4. David McDonald, Transfer In from Post #2910, Department of Illinois. 5. Brian Osborne, Navy, GWOT. 6. Cindi Pisarzewicz, 25-year Legionnaire transferring In from Streator P0217. 7. William Luther, Army, Gulf War, transferring In from Dept. 2910. (N.B. 5 Deceased members on same report.) Motion to accept by Clemens; 2nd, Cokley. Passed (U)
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Ron Slafer, Finance Officer: Bingo: More out, than in: Expenses were \$1k donations, quarterly taxes, and supplies. Balance stated. Building Fund: 50/50 money received. Expenses for utilities taken out, first for electric bill, then for gas bill (high, in January.) Balance Stated. Honor Guard: Plus balance for month. Balance stated. All accounts balance stated. Motion to accept Bob Cupples; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed (U)
 - B. Slafer, Gaming: Pull Tabs: A little more out than in for January due to quarterly taxes being paid; balance stated. Video: Positive income; balance stated. Motion to accept by Bob Cokley; 2nd, Harvey Clemens. Passed (U)
 - C. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: He did not receive this month's report yet, but did state the current balance. Motion to accept by Vic Hackler Sr.; 2nd, Cokley. Passed (U)
 - D. Matt Weaver, Tech: 1. Upgraded printer installed in main office and working fine. Old printer will be set up for committee usage in the back of this meeting room. 2. Bid presented for an overhead scanner unit, which will be used primarily by the History Committee to scan to digital, old pictures, scrapbooks, old post minutes, memorabilia, etc. E-board approved. So moved by Ed Stash; 2nd, Ron Tardio. Passed (U)
- VI. New Business: Jim Nanouski rethought an item from the E-Board meeting, regarding the purchase of a new ice machine. Instead of adding delay, he motioned that we should authorize the Trustees to find a new unit ASAP, due to the high volume of need for this item; 2nd, Ron Slafer. Passed (U)

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VII. Correspondence and Business

- A. City of Ottawa has introduced a Veterans Banner Recognition Program. 60 entries, due by March 11th. See Adjutant for a copy, or go online.
- B. Thank You (T.Y.) received from National American Legion for our donation to the NEF (National Emergency Fund).
- C. Donation Request (D.R.) from the Salvation Army. We gave \$125 last year. So Moved by Stash; 2nd, Olson. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- D. T.Y. received from Larry Bayer, for our support when his wife Diane passed.
- E. T.Y. from the Auxiliary, for our donation of two bikes to the Children's Christmas Party (made possible by donations from Chuck Foster and Steve Johnson.)
- F. Membership is now over 89%. Thanks to Matt and John. Let's push to get the last 10%!
- G. We received a \$25 Gift Card to Lowe's, for our successful participation in the recent Membership Caravan. Commander suggests, we add it as a second drawing to the membership after tonight's Regular Meeting; agreed.
- H. Americanism Month. A. Time to focus on Boys State. Both Seniors and Juniors can go this year, \$300 each, plus possible 12th District Bus fee. B. To have the "Four Chaplain's Ceremony" at tonight's meeting. C. Lincoln Pilgrimage Feb. 12th, Springfield. D. March 15th will be the Legion's 103rd Anniversary. We'll prepare an Open House, with a Membership Drive.
- I. Information packets (in English and Spanish) received from the Federal Trade Commission, on "Scam Awareness." To be left on the common table in the hallway.

VIII. Chaplain Bob Cupples, Departed members and Veterans, with Prayers:

- 1. John Corcoran
- 2. Gary Tuftie
- 3. Kenneth Brown
- 4. Donald Ledbetter
- 5. Joseph Jankowski
- 6. Theodore Lenac
- 7. Sam Dwire

IX. Standard Closing Procedures (Prayer; Salute to Colors)

X. Adjournment at 1933 Hours.

Drawings: # 917 Matt Weaver
924 Cmdr. Przybyla
266 Greg Ludwig, Absent