

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, March 01, 2021

- I. Called to Order at 1900 Hours by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla. Standard Opening Procedures (Salute to Colors; Chaplain's Prayer [Bob Cupples, acting]; POW/MIA chair; Preamble.)
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Finance Officer Ron Slafer, excused, sick; Trustee Mark Kolotka; Chaplain Phil Sterba, eye troubles; Judge Advocate Joe Navarro, only as needed. 18=Quorum
- III. Prepared minutes presented. Motion/Waive Reading Cupples; 2nd DeLaGarza. Passed (U)
- IV. New Members, Adjutant: Transfer from 2910: James Walsh, Marine Corps, GWOT; William Rodriguez, past post member, Transfer in from 2910; James York, Air Force, 82-87.; James South, Navy, Other conflicts era. Motion/Accept Jim Nanouski; 2nd, Ray Gerkitz. Passed (U)
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Gerkitz, Gaming. Standard P&L on Hogs, 13's, tickets, monthly and year-to-date information. Profit from 50/50's was put in the building account. Queen of Hearts has generated a lot of momentum. Motion to accept by DeLaGarza; 2nd, Ken Donnelly. Passed (P) Unanimously (U). Financial report numbers placed on file.
 - B. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: Total income stated; expenses stated, very nice Net Ordinary Income stated. Question Stash: Sorry, numbers didn't add up. Reviewed; Cost of Goods wasn't stated, but was then provided. Numbers aligned. Motion/Accept by DeLaGarza; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed Unanimously. Report figures placed on file.
- VI. Phil Sterba; Ray Gerkitz; Ron Slafer.
- VII. Communications
 - A. Willet reading for Cmdr: Certificate of Appreciation received for Post 33 hosting Sunday's 12th District Meeting here.
 - B. Certificate of Appreciation received from the U.S. Census Bureau, for Post 33's support as a trusted 2020 Census Partner. Signed: Dr. Steven D. Dillingham, Director; Marilyn A. Sanders, Chicago Regional Director.
 - C. Thank You (T.Y.) card received from the family of Emmett McLachlan, for the support of our Honor Guard Team on a bitterly cold day-remarkable and appreciated!
 - D. Donation Request (D.R.) Salvation Army; Local leaders: Lt. Christian Smith and Lt. Justice Smith. E-Board approved-We gave \$125 last year. So moved Bob Cokley; 2nd DeLaGarza. Passed (U)
 - E. Donation Request (D.R.) Children's Wish Foundation. E-Board approved-We gave \$75 last year. So moved, DeLaGarza; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. Butch Wargo: Question on procedures during Queen of Hearts. 1. Do people have to buy at least one drink or item, in order to participate? He recalls that at a previous meeting he attended, we voted to do so, perhaps Jan/Feb 2020. A quick review by Adjutant did not reveal that topic in those minutes. Adjutant to research for next meeting. 2. Prices raised for non-members? Yes, a while ago. 3. Queen of Hearts participants taking bar seats to do tickets. We will have the bartenders ask them to go to the side tables.

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IX. New Business

- A. Ed Stash, 12th District Meeting report: 1. American Legions Riders By-Laws being updated at National. Will be presented, when done. 2. Three new conditions allowed for Agent Orange claims: Bladder Cancer, Hypothyroid conditions, and Parkinson-like tremors. 3. Membership development and achieving 100% renewals was highlighted, with ideas shared on how to get new members. Our Queen of Hearts drawing was noted as a positive activity. 4. Boys/Girls State is still on. Boys State is still set for June 12-18. This year, they'll allow both seniors and juniors, since seniors were cancelled due to Covid restrictions last year. Fee still \$300 each. Have "Gold Cards" to present to recipients, to note the value of this scholarship. This year, the candidates will have to provide their own transportation to Eastern Illinois University.
- X. Bob Cupples: Departed members/veterans: 1. Kevin Allen Jackson; 2. David Rogowski; 3. William Zellers; 4. Mark Gretzinger. With Prayers.
- XI. Standard Closing Procedures: Chaplain's Prayer; ceremonial guidelines; Salute to Colors.
- XII. Adjutant's addendum: Dues will not go up for 2022; forgot to type in, above.
- XIII. Adjournment at 1934 Hours.

Door Prizes: #742 Mike Harden (He donated it to the "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" program.)
#035 Russell Brandt, absent