

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, March 06, 2023

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1900 Hours. Standard Opening.
- II. Meeting suspended at 1902 Hours for a presentation by Guest Speaker Dr. Mark Fernandez of the LaSalle Veterans Clinic in Peru. Dr. Fernandez enlightened us on the multiple services available to us at their Federally funded CBOC. Some examples: Mental health support has increased awareness. Added Telehealth cubicles are in place. Tele-Eyes support is new. Service-connected issues cannot be addressed until the preliminary evaluation has been determined. Questions from the floor included: the recent changes to the phone system have resulted in poorer service! Yes, they are aware of that. Shuttle rides to Hines via Peru are available on Mondays and Tuesdays, but we need to pre-register for a seat. (Pickup can be made at our local Dunkin' Donuts parking lot.) Return visits are at 1 PM from Hines. Let the receptionist know that we are using the van so they can expedite our appointments, to accommodate the return trip home. PACT Act: We must go through a VSO (Veterans Service Officer) to arrange qualification and testing for toxic exposure. (There is also an awareness meeting through the VVA scheduled at the Veterans Assistance Commission in Peru for Wed, March 15th.) Joe Tokarz: Thank You for the CBOC's professional support for his recent needs! Dr: If you know of a disgruntled veteran who is upset with previous unmet needs, ask them to give these new programs a chance! Information kits provided. T.Y. from Cmdr-to applause.
- III. Meeting resumed at 1929 hours. Opening Ceremonies continued.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Finance Reports read by SrVice Matt Weaver for the excused individuals: Bingo account had payouts for two donations and supply payments; positive balance remains. Building Fund: outlays for plumbing and electrical needs; positive balance remains. General Fund: Bills paid(\$2,900 in utilities, also). Plus balance remains. Honor Guard: Bills paid, mostly tenderloin supplies. Plus balance stated. Gaming: Pull Tabs/Hogs etc.: Positive income and balance stated. Video games: Plus income; money transferred for Utilities; positive balance. Reports on file for review. Motion/approve Jerry Sexton; 2nd, Bob Olson (P)(U)
 - B. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: Positive income for month; balance stated. Motion to approve by Harvey Clemens; 2nd, Al Rowe. Passed (U)
 - C. Adj: Membership: No new; one more deceased (50 in the last year). 85.79% renewed.
- V. New Business
 - A. Joe Tokarz: our Amateur Radio Club presented \$10 to post for Ham Radio testing usage.
 - B. Mobile Food Pantry will have a free distribution at the 1050 Building at the hospital on Sat. March 11. Registration 9:30-11:30; distribution begins at 10 AM.
 - C. Donation Request (D.R.) from the Ottawa 13-year-olds Wolfpack Baseball team. Post 33 will be on the team banner which is hung at every game. Motion of \$100 by Executive Board. So moved by Bob Olson; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
 - D. D. CPR(+) classes available through the Rescue Squad. Executive Board approved a Motion to have the post pay the \$10 individual fee for: Executive Board; Bar Manager; Bartenders-post safety issue.
- VI. Chaplain Mike Harden: Departed Members/Veterans: 1. George Carrier 2. James Gerald 3. Wayne Riebe. With Prayers.
- VII. Closing Prayer, Chaplain Harden VIII. Standard Closing Procedures. IX. Adjourn at 1950 Hours
Drawings: #684 Tom Przybyla #098 Ken Donnelly, Absent