

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1900 Hours. Standard Opening procedures.
- II. Roll call: all present except: F.O. Slafer and Trustee Olson, both, health; Service Officer Kennedy, vacation. 18 present plus one Guest (Bar Manager) = Quorum.
- III. Typed Minutes presented for review. No corrections. Motion to Waive Reading by Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cupples. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. Membership Report: New member candidate Brian Clairmont (Gulf, Navy) introduced himself and his service path, to applause. Duback: Three new members: 1. Robert L. Murley, Vietnam, Air Force; Recruiter, Bob Olson. 2. Josh Beck, Army, GWOT; Recruiter John Fuller. 3. Brian L. Clairmont, Gulf, Navy; Recruiter, Brent Schueler. Motion to accept by Ray Gerkitz; 2<sup>nd</sup>, by Harvey Clemens. Passed (U)
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. SrVice Weaver/TECHNOLOGY: 1. New desks here for our Legion Family to use for committee work. Free donation of 2 desks and a bookcase by Financial Plus. Will set up old computers for the work station. 2. New document scanner available to use. Larger surface capacity, which will mean less hassle with old scrapbook type items. 3. TV to be upgraded/added to basement Dugout through the Trustees. A primary use will be for slide programs for use at funeral luncheons, etc. Motion to accept by Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cokley. Passed (U)
  - B. Jay Hamalle, Bar Report. Numbers reviewed and report filed for audit. Healthy month and account balance noted. Motion to accept by Bob Cupples; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ron Tardio. (P) (U) Also, he dispelled a rumor: prices not going up at this time.
  - C. Ray Gerkitz, Gaming: Pull Tabs, Hogs, Machine, 50/50, Queen of Hearts, Video (Some money out for Utility payments) all reported, with balances. Amounts filed for audit. Motion to accept by Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brent Schueler. Passed (U) Note: raffle boards scarce.
  - D. Cmdr for Slafer: Bingo, Building Fund, All Account totals presented; filed for audit. (Noted by F.O. Slafer: Utilities for last month were \$3,162.14!) Motion to accept by Cupples; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ron Tardio. Passed (U)
- VI. Sick Call: Bob Olson, Ron Slafer.
- VII. Correspondence and New Business
  - A. Ottawa Memorial Association sent invitation to their preparatory meeting for Memorial Day, May 30<sup>th</sup>. It will be at 7 Pm Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> here at Post 33.
  - B. T.Y. from the James Ballou family for our Honor Guard Team support, with \$125 check.
  - C. T.Y. from the Don Link family for our Honor Guard support, with two donations/\$150.
  - D. Thank You (T.Y.) from the LaSalle County Nursing home for our support of their veterans through the Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave Christmas program.
  - E. Membership update: We're at 91.94%; 44 still needed for 100%. Thanks to Matt and John and committee for their support.
  - F. Open House Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3pm. 103<sup>rd</sup> Legion Birthday. New member drive for the Legion family. Tours; Showcase our building and Post 33. Coffee and cake!

VIII. Good of the Legion

- A. Stash: 1. Division Meeting results: 1. Boys State: Open to Seniors and Juniors this year. Please help the Department and Post to get good candidates! 2. VA has new standards to consider Tinnitus/Hearing/ Respiratory/Mental Health issues. Review carefully! Some will lose the 10% rating. 3. LaSalle Veterans Home has re-opened for visitors, but we most call them an hour ahead of time in order to get in. 4. The GTTYWG (Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave) program is still viable. 5. The rumor that the Streator Post is closing is not true. They may sell their building, but will keep the charter. (Same process as their VFW a while ago.)
  - B. Ray Gerkitz: Regarding Boys State, consider sponsoring your grandkids! Get their names to the high school counselors. Give the money to the Commander or Finance Officer to process.
- IX. Chaplain Bob Cupples: Departed members and veterans: 1. Jeffrey Goetsch. 2. George Mason. 3. Phillip Clouse. 4. Michael Vaughn. 5. Donald Link. With prayer.
- X. Standard Closing Procedures (Prayer; Salute to Colors.)
- XI. Adjournment at 1932 Hours.

Drawings: #932 Matt Weaver

#380 Dean Reynolds, absent