

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, May 01, 2023

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1914 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures.
- II. Motion to suspend meeting for the purpose of a Guest Speaker: So moved by SrVice Weaver; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed Stash. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- III. Guest Speaker: Fellow Legionnaire Dennis Zniecki: Peru Legion is hosting the Vietnam Memorial Travelling Wall August 24-28, 2023, along with the Middle East Conflicts Memorial Wall and the Desert Storm Memorial Display. Location at the Peru Park by the Airport. Need help for set-up and tear down. Two-hour guard shifts need to be fulfilled. Any donations collected will go toward the purchase of a new van at LaSalle Veterans Home from all veterans of the area. To applause. Meeting resumed at 1925 hours.
- IV. Roll Call: All present except Finance Officer Ron Slafer, excused. Sgt/Arms Jenkins, excused. Past Commander Ray Gerkitz. 25 Members, two guests = Quorum achieved.
- V. Prepared minutes presented. Motion/Waive Reading by Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Kennedy. (P)(U)
- VI. Committee reports
  - A. Adjutant: Two new members to approve, pending paperwork: Motion to accept by Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ken Troyan. Passed (U)
  - B. Bar Manager Jay Hamalle gave April 1-28<sup>th</sup> report. Slight Profit for month; approximate balance stated. Motion to accept by Harvey Clemens; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
  - C. Matt Weaver: Presented April/May reports for Finance Officer Slafer: Motion to accept by Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Olson. Passed (U)
  - D. SrVice Weaver: With Service Officer, will support a visit to a local veteran, per a family request. This will be on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, his birthday. Kennedy: Meet at post at noon.
  - E. SrVice: Heritage Harbor Blessing of Boats Flag Sat 5/27, 10am; Chaplain Mike Harden, Guest Speaker. Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>, Heritage Harbor Parade support, Color Guard Team. We benefit with a courtesy room to share in conjunction with the Vigil (=Bagpipers).
- VII. Unfinished/Old Business/Correspondence
  - A. Wayne Riebe family offered us a bench in memory of our past member. E-Board approved its acceptance. So moved by Al Rowe; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ken Troyan. Passed (U)
  - B. E-Board approved to support the Marine Vets MC group fundraiser here at post, June 24, Noon to 4pm. They meet here and provide us bikes for the Children's Christmas Party. A ticket Donation is \$10. Motion to buy ten by Harvey Clemens; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cokley. Passed (U)
  - C. Scholarship candidates: MHS-Noah Barth; OHS-Kiersten Burke. Motion of \$500 each by Jerry Sexton; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vic Hackler Sr. Passed (U)
  - D. Trustee Tom Shea: Building projects reviewed. A. Electrical box install, a work in progress. B. Upstairs kitchen repair, tile over tile: Terpstra's best bid, which E-Board approved. Auxiliary to pay half of the project. Motion/approve Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ken Troyan. Passed (U) C. Bar stools: Tabled to June by E-Board.
- VIII. New Business/Correspondence
  - A. Department Convention, July 12-15: 5 Delegates, 5 Alternates allowed. Motion to reimburse for rooms (doubles, to be shared, where possible). Gas, meals, room charges: on our own. (Food/beverages available in 12th District Hospitality Suite.) E-Board approved. Motion to approve John Duback; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vic Hackler Sr. Passed (U)

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- B. We support the 12<sup>th</sup> District Hospitality room at Convention. Motion of \$500 by Bob Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ken Troyan. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- C. Joe Tokarz: Our Amateur Radio Club (first to register in Illinois) will have a Field Day exercise at Shabbona Park (just north of Harding, IL), June 23-25. All invited, especially scouts and interested children. Posters available, thanks to Matt Weaver.
- D. Bob Cupples will retire from being Bingo Chair after years of dedicated service. Enthusiastic round of applause!
- E. Thank You (T.Y.) from the Jim Reimann (Sandy), for Honor Guard services.
- F. Donation Request (D.R.) Grand Ridge Community Fest. E-Board approved \$100. So moved by Bob Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cokley. Passed (U)
- G. Ruiz Construction and Illinois Valley Labor Management Team donated time and materials to repair and extend a pathway, along the flagpole, to sidewalk. Well done!
- H. Flyer: Armed Forces Day dinner May 20<sup>th</sup> at Lockport American Legion. Keynote Speaker is National Commander Vince J. (Jim) Troiola. \$35/person. 5pm+. RSVP May 5<sup>th</sup>.
- I. Our Auxiliary requests our support for Poppy Days, May 25 & 26. Sign up sheets in bar.
- J. T.Y. received from Jesus Molina and Alice, for our support for the Hines Outreach visit on April 20<sup>th</sup> to educate area veterans on the PACT Act. Willing to do again.
- K. D.R.: Wallace Grade School is hosting 2023 IESA Boys and Girls Track and Field State Championships; program ads available. Motion of \$75/Hackler; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Troyan. Passed (U)
- L. Scouting event here in September: info TABLED.
- M. Food Pantry Distribution Sat. May 13<sup>th</sup> at 1050 Building, OSF Healthcare, 10am.
- N. Flyer: 2023 In State Legacy Ride, June 10<sup>th</sup> for Legion Charities. To stop at Post 33. Special note: All riders must wear helmets! \$20/Rider; \$10/Passenger.
- O. Health Department: 3 gigs, all rectified.
- P. Boys State at EIU June 10-16, 2023. Candidates needed! We pay for scholarship/bus.
- Q. Flyer: A.L./N.G./ISP Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy/Department of Illinois: at Camp Lincoln, Springfield, June 18-23. Must be in good physical condition for strenuous activity; life skills, police and military procedures, fishing derby, team building and much more! MUST be at the camp facility for the duration of the camp. For 15-17 year old males and females, emphasizing the principles of self-respect and service to others. Post pays the scholarship. Candidates needed.
- R. Flyer: Dept. of Illinois Photo/Calendar Contest, rules and guidelines; see Adjutant.
- S. Flyer: Ball game between Missouri and Illinois Legion Baseball All Stars, after the St. Louis & Colorado Rockies game on Sunday, August 6, 2023 at 1:15pm.
- T. Vet Expo on Thurs. May 18, 10am-3pm at Peru airport; VAC has 44 booths filled for us!
- U. Nominations for 2023-2024 officers:
  - 1. Commander: Matt Weaver & Tom Przybyla: Motion/Accept Duback; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sinde. (P,U)
  - 2. SrVice: Harvey Clemens & Tom Shea: M/accept Duback; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dennis Dougherty. (P,U)
  - 3. No Contest for Jr. Vice: Jay Sinde; Finance Officer: Ron Slafer; Member-at-Large: Bob Cokley. Vote to close Duback; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tokarz. (P,U) V/Acclamation Duback; 2<sup>nd</sup> Stash.(P,U)
  - 4. 3-year Trustee: vacant, at this time. {Adjutant note: may be added to June 03 voting}

- V. Voting/contested offices will be Sat. June 03, 2023, 8:30am-8:30pm at Post 33. Judges needed in two-hour shifts; to be posted ten days ahead of elections. Newspaper ad for elections will be placed as well. Notice at post, ten days ahead.
- W. Flutes for Vets: Director Ken Troyan explained the success of their First Annual Recital, in Peoria Heights on Sunday, 4/30/23. Twelve new players of the Native American flute were brave enough to perform, including our own post member Ron Tardio Jr. The next concert is on Saturday, May 06, 2-4 pm at the First Congregational Church, 1431 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Peru. Compliments from Ken to Post 33 for being the first post in Illinois to embrace the program and give support!
- IX. Departed members: Chaplain Mike Harden reintroduced the Legion "Post Everlasting" ceremony. Commander and officers with a drill team executed the program. 52 departed members were acknowledged, each with the toll of a bell. Very solemn and moving.
- X. Standard Closing Procedures.
- XI. Adjournment at 2016 Hours.

Drawings       #732   Joe Tokarz

                  #464   Charles Spets, absent.