

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, May 02, 2022

- I. Called to Order by JrVice Harvey Clemens about 1905 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures.
- II. Roll Call: All present except three excused: Commander Tom Przybyla (dental); SrVice Matt Weaver (sick); Trustee Bob Olson (conflict). 20 present, plus Bar Manager = Quorum.
- III. Prepared minutes available. Motion/Waive Reading by Jim Nanouski; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cupples. (P,U)
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance Officer Ron Slafer: Presented Bingo report: plus for the month; major expenses were highlighted (quarterly taxes, \$500/donations, etc.;;) balance stated. Building Fund: plus income (50/50 income stated;;) balance stated. Color Guard had a slight loss for the month, but heavy bill payments. Balance stated. All accounts balance stated. Reports filed for inspection. Motion to Accept by Bob Cupples 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ron Leiteritz. Passed (U)
  - B. Service Officer Dave Kennedy: Income from Black box; balance stated, Motion to accept by Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ed Stash. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
  - C. Gaming Chair Ray Gerkitz: Hogs/13's/P&W Boards: plus income. Quarterly taxes paid. Balance Stated. Pull Tabs: Plus income; Quarterly taxes.; balance stated. Video games: Plus income. \$3k out for Utility Bills. Healthy balance stated. Report filed Motion/accept Cupples; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Kennedy. Passed (U) Reports filed for inspection.
  - D. Bar Report, Jay Hamalle: No report, as bookkeeper got a new job and wasn't able to make it in. Healthy balance stated. Motion/accept Leiteritz; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wilma Derix. (P) (U)
- V. Old/New Business
  - A. Trustee Brent Schueler: We need to approve the purchase of the new ice machine (so recommends Trustee Bob Olson, as well). Motion to purchase by Brent Schueler; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Joe Navarro. Passed (U)
  - B. Ron Leiteitz: His wife is marching to support the Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Naperville. Suggests \$200 donation. So moved, Vic Hackler Sr.; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. (P)(U)
  - C. Ray Gerkitz: E-Board approved an increased payment for the outside grounds work done by Steve Johnson, from \$25/event to \$50/per. Several comments/floor about the good work Steve has done. Ray motioned for approval; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Leiteritz. Passed (U)
- VI. Correspondence
  - A. Veterans Expo, Rotary Park, Peru Sun. May 22, 10am-2pm. \$25 fee sent.
  - B. Ottawa Memorial Association (OMA) invites us to a meeting on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> here at 7:00 pm to discuss final plans for the Memorial Day ceremonies in Washington Square and at the Vietnam Memorial. PC Nanouski recommends that Honor/Color Guard Chair Ron Leiteritz attend, for best communication. Clemens said, he'd go too.
  - C. Notice, City of Ottawa: Building permit usage across street, for review.
  - D. Membership @ 93.59%. Adjutant: 35 still needed for 100% by 5/31-HELP!
  - E. Going Away party for Steve Kreitzer on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm at VAC offices in Peru. Steve is going to work for a California law firm to assist in preparing cases for veteran's appeals and also go to college to get his law degree. Come wish him well! Question was asked, is there going to be a committee to find a replacement? No. The present commission members have approved Assistant Superintendent Christa

- F. (continued) Hammers to replace Steve. The Constitution/By-Laws allow for this. They are running it by the County Treasurer and the attorney's to cross the T's and dot the I's, to take effect on June 1, 2022. Joe Navarro added, he doesn't see any problems from the County Board with this recommendation. Further questions: why wasn't it put out for more applications? Adjutant's answer was, that's what was approved at their recent meeting. [Adjutant's addendum: Previously, Marty Rue had retired and Cindy was his well-qualified secretary; however, since she is not a veteran, she could not hold the position of Superintendent, by law. Therefore, a solicitation was made from eight candidates, from whom Steve Kreitzer was the best choice. Further, Steve hired Christa (an Air Force veteran) and trained her; he recommended her as his replacement. The commission members agreed to support this choice.]
  - G. Auxiliary invites us to help with collecting Poppy donations on Thursday/Friday May 26-27; post gets half. Sign-up sheet has been posted in Coral Room.
  - H. Fundraising, on May 14-15, '22 for our American Legion Riders, to support "The Haven."
- VII. Nominations
- Adjutant reviewed list of applicants for officers for the 2022-2023 Legion year reviewed. SrVice had one candidate, Matt Weaver. After calling for applicants three times, no other names presented. Adjutant called for a Vote of Acclamation; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ed Stash. (P) (U). JrVice: one signed applicant, Harvey Clemens. Ron Leiteritz nominated from floor; he accepted. No other candidates. The contested officer position will be voted on at the Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> election day, 8:30am-8:30pm at Post 33 meeting room. Member-at-Large: one candidate, Bob Cokley. No other nominations. Adjutant called for a Vote of Acclamation; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U). Finance Officer: one candidate, Ron Slafer. No other nominations. Adjutant called for a Vote of Acclamation; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ray Gerkitz. Passed (U). 3-Year Trustee: one candidate, Tom Shea. No other nominations. Adjutant called for a Vote of Acclamation; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cupples. Passed (U). Ed Stash moved that Nominations be closed; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brent Schueler. (P)(U)
- VIII. Further Business
- A. Schueler: E-Board approved the purchase of a new bar dishwasher. Motion to approve by Leiteritz; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wilma Derix. Passed (U)
  - B. Roofers just purchased the shingles; repair, soon.
  - C. Joe Navarro took floor. He would like to carry the American Flag at Memorial Day to honor his father, who would have been 100 this year. Agreed.
  - D. Stash reminded Adjutant, about any new members candidates. Indeed yes. 1. John Corrigan, Army, Vietnam, transfer-in, and 2. Robert Cutler, transfer in from Dept. of Illinois. (Only local address.) Motion/Approve Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Leiteritz. Passed (U)
  - E. See Stash for details on National Commander visit to Plano; Armed Forces dinner, also.
  - F. Ken Troyan, Flutes for Vets, complimented on his two graduate students from Post 33!
- IX. Condensed: Departed Veteran: Robert Pecenka; prayers. Chaplain's Prayer. Standard Closing. Adjournment 1951 Hours. Draw: #005 Vic Hackler # 519 Terry Willet, absent.