

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, June 05, 2023

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1943 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures.
- II. Roll Call: All present Except PC Gerkitz and Bar Manager Hamalle-excused. 21 here/Quorum.
- III. Prepared Minutes presented. Motion/Waive Reading Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sexton. Passed Unanimously
- IV. New members: introduced themselves: Don Modisette, and Tonya Willey.
- V. Committee Report
  - A. Finance Officer Slafer: Bingo had a profit; good balance stated. Building Fund: Nothing In; a fair amount out (Tuckpointing); good balance left. Honor Guard: profit for month w/ a good balance stated. Motion to accept/Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Leiteritz. Passed(P) Unanimously (U)
  - B. SrVice Weaver did the Bar Report: profit for May; balance stated. Motion/Accept by Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Leiteritz. Passed (U)
  - C. Slafer: Gaming Report: Pull Tabs: negative income due to supply purchases; balance stated. Video: also, a loss, due to Masonry/Tuckpointing payments, & Utilities; good balance remains. Motion/Accept Kennedy 2<sup>nd</sup>, Steve Harmon. Passed (U)
  - D. ADJ: New members for approval: 1. Edward Espinosa, Army, Vietnam. Duback, recruiter. 2. Ivan Castillo, Army, GWOT. Weaver, Recruiter 3. Carl Bookout Jr, Navy, Vietnam. Stash, Recruiter. 4. Jeffery Worley, Navy Vietnam. SrVice, Recruiter. 5. Laura Worley, Army, 86-89. SrVice, Recruiter. 6. Donald Jones Navy, Vietnam. Recruiter, Duback. 7. Tonya Willey, Army, Gulf. Cokley, Recruiter. 8. Elizabeth Rodriguez, Army, GWOT. Recruiter, Cokley. 9. Transfer IN: Dennis Orvis, Navy, Vietnam; currently paid 2023, from Las Cruces, NM. Motion to accept Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brent Schueler. Passed (U)
  - E. Trustee Shea: Finance Committee presented update to Executive (E-Bd) Board on updating computer needs and software, to better coordinate our accounting. Conclusions in support given; some discounts may yet apply. Motion to accept purchase of software upgrade, with salary adjustments declared, by Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Schueler. (P) (U)
- VI. Old Business
  - A. ADJ: Delegates needed to Convention, need to be sent in
  - B. Annual Consolidated Report (CPR) sent in; post is in good standing.
  - C. Trustee Tom Shea: Cooler repairs completed. E-Bd approved new shelving at about \$250. So moved by Dennis Dougherty; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don Modisette. Passed (U)
  - D. Upstairs kitchen repairs to begin June 18<sup>th</sup>+
  - E. Soffits/Gutters/Fascia: on hold.
  - F. Three bids reviewed by E-Bd regarding new bar stools. Best model with warranty recommended; price stated. So moved by Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jim Pool. Passed (U)
- VII. New Business
  - A. Chaplain Harden: Developing a combined Elks Flag Day/Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony for Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Agenda will be posted. {Set up 6pm; Elks Flag Ritual 6:30pm; Legion after that, about 7pm}. If inclement weather, we will meet upstairs at Legion (no Flag Retirement [burning].) Former Mayor Bob Eschbach, Guest Speaker.
- VIII. Communications
  - A. Honor Guard Picture received from Chuck Stanley: Team did a memorial service at the War Memorial in Washington Square for Myron Williams; his remains were recovered/WWII.

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- B. Mobile Food Pantry pick up, Sat. 6/10<sup>th</sup> at 1050 Building OSF St. Elizabeth, Ottawa. 10am.
  - C. Auxiliary's Poppy Report: Best donations ever received, due to 35 volunteers participating! Top five: Mike Harden; Jean Firlik; Joe Tokarz; Annette Maltas, and Kim Burns. Well Done!
  - D. Calendar of Events for June: to be posted on Commander's Office Board.
  - E. Donation Request (D.R.) Dept. Commander Payton's Special Project: IDRF and "The Haven:" Motion \$500 (split equally) by Slafer; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sexton. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
  - F. Thank You (T.Y.) from Elmer Brooker Family for Honor Guard Services.
  - G. T.Y. from Mort Cooper Family for Honor Guard services, with generous donation!
  - H. D.R. Dept. of IL Special Olympics: Motion amended to \$200 Harden; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nanouski. Passed (U)
  - I. Reminder: Scouting Camporee in Ottawa Sept. 22-24; to use Post 33 for some activities.
  - J. Membership Report: Still below our 100 % renewal; should make 500 level. Please help.
  - K. (D.R.) Ottawa River Rescue: Motion/\$100 Kennedy. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dennis Dougherty. (P) (U)
  - L. E-Bd had a team in from Dixon to request support for the Honor Flight program, which flies veterans and their Guardians out to D.C. to visit many Memorials. [Info: Lee Co. Honor Flights Committee (5): Jim Travi spoke of the successes of their Honor Flight program (over 500 sent), with wishes to expand inclusion of our LaSalle County veterans. Complete flight for the one day is \$125,000! (About 110 veterans, 65 Guardians. Fundraising techniques: Pancake/sausage breakfast yielded \$6k! Solicit businesses. Sell Raffle tickets. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders: one huge fundraiser! Trip = one big day!] Volunteer workers/no pay. All amenities provided. Forms for the veteran free); separate one for the Guardian (\$400 each.) DD 214 required. If been before, then ineligible. Their meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday/month, 6:30pm at the VFW/Dixon. Request, that we have our own committee.
  - M. Boy Scout Troop 45 may have a Boys State candidate: Motion \$400 to support/Nanouski 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Olson. Passed (U)
  - N. July meeting has a conflict with the dates. Move to Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm.
  - O. Bingo Party for Bob Cupples Retirement, Sat. June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm, in Bingo Hall.
  - P. Ron Leiteritz: Notice: No "Tenderloin Tuesday" for July 4<sup>th</sup> = holiday!
  - IX. Chaplain: Departed Members and Veterans: 1. James Reinman, Army; 2. William (Bill) Ross Riddle Jr, Navy; 3. Dwayen Ellis, Navy 4. Wendell Cofoid, Army National Guard; 5. Elmer Brooker, Army; 6. Gary (Mort) Cooper, Army; 7. Jerry Halterman, Army; 8. Vernon Mitchell, Navy. With Prayers
  - X. Closing Prayer, Chaplain Harden
  - XI. Standard Closing Procedures
  - XII. Adjournment at 2038 Hours.
- Drawings        #013    Bob Cokley
- #207    Patrick Hughes, Absent