

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, June 07, 2021

- I. Called to order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1900 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures.
- II. Roll Call: All present (JrVice Bob Cupples: A/Chaplain; A/SGT-Arms) except: Trustee Jeff DeLaGarza. Excused: Gaming Ray Gerkitz; SGT/Arms Mike Harden; Member-at-Large Bob Cokley; PC Ed Stash. !3 Present = Quorum.
- III. Typed Minutes provided. One correction: Winner of first drawing was Tony Roudebush. Motion to Waive Reading by Jim Nanouski; 2nd, Ron Slafer. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. Adjutant: New Members: 1. Sal Guerrero, Army, GWOT; Recruiter Mike Harden. 2. Ralph Gibson, Army, Vietnam Era. 3. Eric Shepperson, Army, GWOT; Recruiter Terry Willet. 4. Logan Gaughan, Active Duty (Post pays first enlistment) Army, GWOT; Grandson to member Micky Gaughan; Recruiter Terry Willet. 5. Ryan Duncan, Army, GWOT. ("Recruiter's" are Adjutant's addendum.) Memberships reviewed and updated with Service Officer support, which allows us to submit enough members to make our 100% for this year! Thanks to all!
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. Ron Slafer, F.O.: Bingo accounts paid out \$1,000 for two scholarships, plus bought a new microphone that was needed. Building Fund: Took out money against the Grant that was placed in this account, toward Utilities. Honor Guard Account only had a slight surplus, because we paid the bill for their annual "Thank You" meal. Regular balances and all-accounts balances defined and placed on file. Motion/Accept Matt Weaver; 2nd, Tony Roudebush. Passed (U)
 - B. Slafer: Pull Tabs, and Video both showed profit for month. Balances stated; reports on file. Motion to Accept by Bob Olson; 2nd, Weaver. Passed (U)
 - C. Ray Gerkitz submitted Gambling Report for Hogs, 13 Boards, and P&W Boards, both for monthly, and Quarterly updates; read by Adjutant. Filed. Motion/Accept Cupples; 2nd, Ron Tardio. Passed (U)
 - D. Weaver: Thanked post Color Guard for 1. support on Memorial Day weekend events for the Heritage Harbor: Blessing of the Boats (Matt Keynote Speaker), and then the Parade the next day. 2., for electing him as next SrVice Commander. 3. New display Board in bar area, for which SAL helped to purchase. 4. Looking for new camera system; we are locked out of the present one.
 - E. Adjutant: ADT submitted bid through Ray Gerkitz for security system. Main costs to be covered by Bill Perrot/EXCEL Entertainment. Reviewed by E-Board; placed on file. Two more bids needed. Motion/Accept Olson; 2nd Roudebush. Passed (U)
 - F. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager: Monthly Bar income and expenses reviewed. Account paid for the new coolers; still a good profit. Filed. Motion/Accept Slafer; 2nd, Olson. (P) (U)
 - G. Bob Olson, Service Officer: Account balance increased, due to income from the black box. Motion/accept Weaver; 2nd Cupples. Passed (U)
- VI. Old Business and Correspondence

- A. Queen of Hearts repayment to two bartenders still has not been made. Discussion. E-Board motioned to repay out of the Queen of Hearts account. So moved Weaver; 2nd, Kolotka. Passed (U)
- B. TW: Election Committee provided results: 2021-2022 Cmdr will be Tom Przybyla; Finance Officer: Ron Slafer; 3-Year Trustee: Bob Olson. Thanks to Ray Gerkitz and Chuck Foster for the courage to give the post a choice!
- C. Request from the 12th District American Legion to support the Hospitality Room at the July Convention. E-Board approved \$200; so moved, Roudebush; 2nd, Olson. Passed (U)
- D. The Times has an advertising rate for a "Flag Wrap" special insert: E-Board approved \$65 for a 2X2 adv. So moved, Weaver; 2nd, Cupples. Passed (U)
- E. SAL (with Auxiliary) will have a fundraiser golf outing at Pine Hills. August 14th, \$60/person. Return to post for food and prizes. Proceeds to Post. Three openings left.
- F. Guest at E-Board: Grand Exalted Ruler Lynn Schlink of BPO Elks Lodge #588 ask us for support for their annual Flag Day Ceremony in Washington Square, Monday, June 14th at 10 AM. We are invited to a hot lunch of fried chicken and sides afterward. Already scheduled by us.

VII. New Business and Correspondence

- A. Department of Illinois Convention, July 13-18, Springfield. E-Board approved that we again support the room costs for up to 6 delegates/6 Alternates at the rate of \$124.30 a day for two days each. See Adjutant for paperwork. (Delegates so far are Ed Stash,; Ray Gerkitz; Matt Weaver; John Duback.)
- B. Adjutant: We made our 100% membership renewal rate for this year. Thanks to all for your support!
- C. A glossy picture of an American Legion dignitary/Alaska was left at Post 33 recently.
- D. Thank You (T.Y.) received from Christine Koehler Kowalczyk and family, for the Honor Guard services provided for her father, Kent Lee Koehler Sr. Included \$200 donation.
- E. T.Y. Double D Express, Inc , Donation \$50 in memory of Gerald Donnelly, brother of our member/their co-worker, Harry Donnelly; T.Y. sent to Harry & Brenda Donnelly family.
- F. Ron Slafer made a motion, for the Tenderloin Crew to be able to have a Thank You dinner at Anne's Hide-A-Way; 2nd, Duback. Passed (U)
- G. Job opening for a janitor.
- H. Duback: Asked, support for Vigil in November again; E-Bd: Yes. So moved Weaver; 2nd Cupples. Passed (U)
- I. Willet: Lori Hamalle donated many books to Auxiliary project, to mail to veterans overseas. Please help!

VIII. Departed Members/Veterans, Cupples: 1. Paul Veasy 2. Terry Yost 3. Jeff Cox. Prayers.

IX. Standard Closing Procedures

X. Adjournment 1937 Hours

- Drawing #789 Tom Przybyla
- #170 Roger Hallowell, absent

