

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday July 10, 2023

- I. Call to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1924 Hours. Standard Opening Procedures. (= Salute to Colors; Prayer; POW/MIA Chair; Preamble.) Meeting Recorded.
- II. Roll Call: all present except: Member-at-Large Bob Cokley & Trustee Brent Schueler-vacation; Past Commander Ray Gerkirtz, absent. 22 present, = Quorum. Guest: Corky Smith.
- III. Prepared Minutes presented. Motion to Waive Reading Mac McKanna; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Kennedy. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. Membership, Adjutant: Two new member candidates: 1. Corky Smith, Army, Vietnam. Lapsed, returning-transfer from Oregon Post 0016. 2. Larry Entas, Army, Vietnam. Motion/Accept Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Olson. Passed (U)
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance Officer Ron Slafer: Bingo: Positive income/month & balance stated. Honor Guard: Also, a positive & good balance. All accounts balance stated. Motion/Accept Don Modesitt; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Vic Hackler Sr. Passed (U)
  - B. Service Officer Dave Kennedy: Income from Black box reported, and balance. Motion to Accept by Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wilma Derix. Passed (U)
  - C. Bar Manager Jay Hamalle: Income/expenses/wages presented; substantial loss for month reported. Good balance remains. Motion/Accept Hackler; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. (P)(U)
  - D. Slafer, for Gaming: Pull Tabs: Positive for month, plus balance. Video: good income, but heavy payouts for computer, utilities, chimney repair, quarterly building insurance, and flooring upstairs. Good balance remains. Motion/Accept Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Modesitt. (P) (U) Bar Manager left the floor.
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Two Openings: Technology Director, and Gaming Chair needed.
- VII. New Business
  - A. Welcome to Mike Harden, who will be the new Adjutant (mid-July).
  - B. Welcome to Ted Jenkins, who will take over the Bingo Chair duties. (Adjutant Duback noted, this chair is subordinate to the JrVice Commander.)
  - C. A. Trustee nomination status reviewed. For Three-year Trustee: only one candidate, Ted Jenkins, with no others from the floor. Motion/Adjutant, vote of Acclamation; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stash. Passed Unanimously. B. Two-year Trustee: Two candidates: Tom Przybyla and Harvey Clemens. Election to follow on Saturday, August 05, 2023 at Post 33, from 8:30am to 8:30pm.
  - D. Trustee Tom Shea: Finance Committee update with handout: RE Bar Point of Sale (POS) system. Requirements listed. Five POS comparisons made. New member T.W. provided a great contact. Recommendation: That we purchase the "Clover" system. Plainfield A.L. likes this system; Stash, seen it successful elsewhere. Seven advantages for us listed, with costs listed; purchase two units. Two questions, Joe Tokarz, answered satisfactorily. Q.; Modesitt: When implemented? For new fiscal year. Motion/Accept Jenkins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Modesitt. Passed Unanimously
- VIII. Correspondence and other Business
  - A. Membership Close of Books, June 23, 2023: Post 33 finished at 520 Members, 97.2 %.
  - B. Flyer received about the State Golf Tournament, Danville, IL Aug. 5 & 6. See Cmdr. for details.

- C. Donation Request (D.R.) Flutes for Vets. Modesitt: Same/ last year; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Stash. Passed (U)
- D. Traveling Vietnam Traveling Wall coming to Peru, IL Thurs. Aug. 24-28<sup>th</sup>. Help needed.
- E. D.R.: Four Chaplains Memorial: Motion \$150 Slafer; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sexton. Passed (U)
- F. Mobile Food Pantry @ OSF Healthcare, Aug. 12. Register 9:30-11:30; distribute, 10am.
- G. T.Y. from Village of Grand Ridge for our donation to their Community Fest.
- H. T.Y. from Todd Siedel, AllLife Insurance Group, with request to present their insurance program at a post meeting. Not desired by members present.
- I. Thank You (T.Y.) from William Valle family for our Honor Guard services.
- J. T.Y. from Noah Barth, Marquette H.S. for our generous scholarship toward his college classes.
- K. Tokarz added a suggestion for a marketing strategy for the bar; to be reviewed.
- IX. Chaplain Harden: Departed Members and Veterans (All Army): 1. Raymond (Dick) Bennington 2. Patrick Raymond Rosales 3. William D. Valle 4. John Bruss 5. James Shannon 6. Willis Noel. With Prayers.
- X. No "Good of the Order."
- XI. Closing Prayer and Standard Closing Procedures.
- XII. Adjournment at 2001 Hours.

Drawings        #052    Jerry Sexton  
                      #546    Anthony Zermeno, absent