

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Tuesday, September 7, 2021

- I. Called to Order by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1904 Hours. Standard Opening Ceremonies (Salute to Colors; Prayer; POW/MIA Chair; Preamble.)
- II. Roll Call: All present including Bar Manager, except: Finance Officer Ron Slafer, excused. Judge Advocate, as needed. 15 present = Quorum.
- III. Prepared Minutes presented. Motion to Waive Reading by Bob Cupples; 2nd, Bob Olson. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- IV. Adjutant: New Members: 1. Cameron Lair, Navy, Global War on Terrorism. Recruiter: Bill Twohey. 2. David Edwall, Navy, Grenada/Lebanon. 3. Gary Engel, Peru, IL; Transfer in from Dept. IL Post 2910. 4. Jerry Leslie, Army, Vietnam. Recruiter, Rich Leslie.
- V. Committee Reports:
 - A. Gerkitz: Income, outflows, and balances reviewed for Gaming, Video, Boards, and 50/50's. Reports on file. Motion to accept by Cupples; 2nd, Sexton. Passed (U)
 - B. Jay Hamalle, Bar Manager Report: Income, outflow, and balances presented. Report placed on file. Motion to accept by Cupples; 2nd, Olson. Passed (U)
 - C. Adjutant, for Ron Slafer, F.O.: income, outflow, balances, and all-account balance presented. Motion to accept by Cokley; 2nd, Kennedy. Passed (U)
 - D. Weaver, Technology Report: We held a Special Executive Board meeting to expedite the contract proposal for the ADT System, in order to take advantage of the current pricing. It is now installed; costs to be reimbursed. Motion/approve Gerkitz; 2nd Cupples. (P)(U) Also, DVR for the camera upgrade is on order. The Legion 10"X10" Canopy is in and looks great! SAL will be resuming their Chicken Frys soon.
- VI. Old/Unfinished Business
 - A. Roof repair bids were discussed at the E-Board meeting. Tabled, for more information.
 - B. Handicap space painting: Seal-a-Lot place a bid of \$60. We'll probably only do one spot on the north of our building. Tabled, pending follow up with the City of Ottawa being able to get another spot on LaSalle Street.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Gerkitz: Operation Firm Handshake is this weekend in Coal City. Free picnic for veterans and families. We usually help. Ray motioned \$100; 2nd Clemens. Passed (U)
 - B. Gerkitz: 12th District Poker Run stops at Post 33 this Saturday.
 - C. Gerkitz: Mort's Pub Fundraiser is this Saturday. He provided \$60 already, 2nd, Olson. (P,U)
 - D. Gerkitz: Jim Jarigese family would like to rent the Bingo area for a Halloween party on Saturday, Oct. 30th. Need to cancel Bingo that day. Motion/approve Clemens; 2nd, Sexton. Passed (U)
- VIII. Correspondence
 - A. The Times: E-Board approved an \$85 Ad for Patriot's Day. So moved Cokley; 2nd Cupples. Passed (U)
 - B. Permit received from City of Ottawa to block off Jackson Street for the Fall Fest and Auxiliary 100th Anniversary events on Saturday, September 25th.
 - C. Approval received from City of Ottawa to hold our Vigil on Nov. 5-6, 2021. (Over)

- D. Request from the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission, to establish an Outreach Center at Post 33 on all Tuesday's beginning in October, from 8am-4:30 pm. To use the front meeting room area. E-Board approved. So moved, Clemens; 2nd Cupples. Passed Unanimously
- E. Cmdr: Read updated weekly membership report. We're doing well for this time of year.
- F. Seneca Legion hosting a fundraiser breakfast at Crotty Park on Sunday, Sept. 12th. Rain or shine; 8-11 AM. \$7 Adults; \$3 children (10 and under).
- G. Invitation to the "Mission Warrior H.O.P.E." Conference at VFW Post 8081, Sept. 17-19, 2021. Re Moral injury and PTSD Survival Skills. Registration \$50. See Adjutant to apply.
- H. Ottawa Memorial Association invites us to a preparatory meeting for Veterans Day, here at Post 33 on Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 7:00 PM.
- I. Memorial Card from the Zack Boswell family (Jim & Sheila Nanouski's grandson).
- J. Donation Request (D.R.) from the Ottawa Youth Football League. Approved by E-Board. Motion of \$100 by Cokley; 2nd, Olson. Passed (U)
- K. Two-year Trustee vacancy was appointed to be filled by the E-Board; Brent Schueler is fulfilling the position. Motion to accept by Clemens; 2nd, Sexton. Passed (U)
- IX. Departed members/veterans: 1. Robert Garcia. Prayers by Chaplain Cupples.
- X. Chaplain's prayer.
- XI. Standard Closing Ceremonies.
- XII. Adjournment at 1941 Hours.

Drawing #841 Bob Cokley
#559 Logan Gaughan, Active Duty, absent.