

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, October 4, 2021

- I. Called to Attention by Commander (Cmdr) Tom Przybyla at 1909 Hours for the purpose of acknowledging a Guest: Mr. Ken Troyan. He's a Vietnam veteran from McNabb who is helping PTSD/TBI veterans overcome these mental health issues with relaxing music therapy. He is utilizing his musical talents and applying it to his NFP "Flutes for Vets." The idea started in Arizona and he expanded it here last May. He makes 6-Hole wind flutes. These are provided to veterans for free, if they agree to practice 30-minutes/day and agree to take 12 lessons provided over 6 months-again, all at no cost to veterans. If we want to help support the project, donations can be sent to his home: "Flutes for Vets"/3433 E. 1550<sup>th</sup> Road/ McNabb, Illinois 61335.
- II. Called to Order by Cmdr Przybyla at 1914 Hours. Motioned to suspend the agenda for the purpose of installing Brent Schueler as Trustee. Installing Officer was Ed Stash, who explained the duties and responsibilities of the office and administered the Oath. Meeting resumed at 1917 Hours.
- III. Standard Opening Procedures.
- IV. Roll Call: All present except: Trustee Bob Olson and Mike Harden-both excused. 20 present-Quorum achieved.
- V. Prepared Minutes presented. Motion to Waive Reading by Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Harvey Clemens. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- VI. Adjutant: New member approval: 1. William Donovan, Lapsed, returning; Army, GWOT. 2. Don Link, transferring in from Post 237: Army, Vietnam. Recruiter, John Duback. 3. Peter Imm, New, Gulf, Navy. Recruiter John Duback. 4. Christopher "CJ" Johnson, Gulf, Army. Recruiter Ken Pfalzgraf. Motion/Accept by Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tony Roudebush. Passed (U)
- VII. Committee Reports (Note: All financial reports are filed for audit.)
  - A. Dave Kennedy, Service Officer: Helped one veteran with \$30 of gas. Balance stated. Motion accept Clemens; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ron Leiteritz. Passed, unanimously.
  - B. Ron Slafer, Finance Officer: Bingo had a plus month. Building Fund had a deposit from the 50/50 account. Many payouts included utilities fund transfer, Halm electric bill and elevator work, and payment for the DVR for the ADT system. Honor Guard Fund also showed increase. Fund balances and All Accounts balances revealed. Motion to accept by Vic Hackler Sr; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ed Stash. Passed (U)
  - C. Sr Vice Matt Weaver: Tech Chair: Moved ADT sign-in pad to a better location. New DVR installed, but it was noted that we have bad co-ax problems. SAL Liaison: SAL Chicken Fry on Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 4-7 PM. Please support. They'll try to do something every month, as well. Motion to accept: Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wilma Derix. Passed (U)
  - D. Jay Hamalle: Bar Manager: Very good month with a healthy profit. Anticipating a good visit from the UAW Regional Veterans Committee team on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion to accept by Bob Cupples; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)

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- E. Ron Slafer for Ray Gerkitz, Gaming: Pull Tabs, Video Gaming did well. Quarterly Report submitted. Payouts included insurance and ADT bill. Motion/accept Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Roudebush. Passed (U)
- VIII. Old Business
  - A. ADT installed
  - B. Roofing repair bids being secured, but have been tabled. Don't expect to get done before next spring, now.
- IX. New Business
  - A. Duback: Vigil sign-up sheet is on the Commander's door. VAC Outreach visits begin here tomorrow for all future Tuesdays, 8-4:30, except holidays. Appointments are needed: 815-433-1761. SrVice: can be done online, also. "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" project is now open. We call the area nursing homes to get a list of veterans for whom we will provide a Christmas gift. Need help to reach our 100% membership by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Please help by being on the "Buddy Checks" team which we will utilize this month. The benefit is, we can get \$1 back each, from National and Department of Illinois. This will be nearly an \$1,100 fundraiser, just for paying our renewal dues on time. Please help!
  - B. Ron Leiteritz, Honor Guard: Thank You (T.Y.) received from the Robert "Jake" Garcia family for Honor Guard services. Also, busy period for Funeral Duties. T.Y. received from Marseilles Legion Post 235 men and Auxiliary, for our post members assisting in the Installation of their officer teams (Duback, Przybyla, Cupples). T.Y. also, for participating in the Celebration of Life for Past Department of Illinois Commander Gene Thompson at the Marseilles Post, which was formally named after him.
  - C. Donation Request (D.R.) received from the Four Chaplains Memorial. Motion of \$200 by E-Board. So moved by Roudebush; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cokley. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
  - D. D.R., United Way "Labor of Love." Motion of \$200 by E-Board. So moved by Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hackler. Passed (U)
  - E. Notice from Dist. Commander Celeste Latham RE District 12 meeting in Durand, IL on Sunday, October 10. Virtual participation is available, also.
  - F. Weekly membership update reviewed.
  - G. Vietnam Moving Wall to be in New Lenox Nov. 10-14. Joe Kabella dropped off a poster.
  - H. TALARC event summary from Joe Tokarz for the recent Half-Marathon reviewed.
- X. Chaplain Cupples: Departed Members: 1. John James Budach, Sr. 2. Richard Thorson. With prayers.
- XI. Standard Closing Procedures (Chaplain's Prayer, Salute to Colors)
- XII. Adjournment at 1949 Hours.

Drawings        #852    Ron Slafer  
                      #291    Jeffery Martell, absent