

AMERICAN LEGION POST 34



August 17th, 2022

Legionnaire Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

- Called to order at 19:10 by Cdr. Tom Cole

OPENING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT PROVIDING A QUORUM:

- Yes

INSTALLATION OF 2022/2023 OFFICERS

- Commander: Tom Cole
- 2nd Vice Commander: Scott Edgell
- Sergeant at Arms: Kurt Simms
- Adjutant: Scott Brennan
- Finance Officer: Charlie Melhorn
- Historian: Reed Boring
- Service Officer: Peter Cardinal
- Members at Large: Mike Gamber, Mike Gics, Eric Godfrey

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT:

- Cdr.: Tom Cole
- 1st Vice Cdr.: Scott Edgell
- 2nd Vice Cdr.: Mike Gics
- Adjutant: Scott Brennan
- Financial Officer: Charlie Melhorn
- Sgt. At Arms: Kurt Simms
- Service Officer: Peter Cardinal – Not Present
- Historian: Reed Boring
- Chaplain: Ron Baldwin

BALLOT RESULTS:

20 ballots cast.

- Commander: Comrade Tom Cole
- 1st Vice Commander: Vacant
- Members at Large:
 - Mike Gamber – Not Present
 - Eric Godfrey – Not Present

Comrade Jim Volrath motioned for Comrade Scott Edgell as 1st Vice Commander, seconded and approved.

Comrade Jim Volrath motioned for Comrade Mike Gics as 2nd Vice Commander, second by 1st Vice Commander, Scott Edgell and approved.

Comrade Jim Volrath motioned for Comrade Ron Baldwin as Chaplain, seconded by Sergeant at Arms, Kurt Simms and approved.

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:

- Motion to forgo the reading of the Meeting Minutes as they are available online and in printed format by Chaplain Ron Baldwin and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, VISITORS, AND NEW MEMBERS:

- New prospective members presented
 - Joseph T Lewis
 - Thomas Riggleman IV
 - Vanessa Comacho
 - Dan C Howard
 - James Dreyer
 - Dwayne L Cloms
 - Gregory L McCauley
 - Dwight Brooks
 - Leonard Weiszgerber
 - David Russel
- Legionnaire transfer members presented
 - Robert F Davis
 - Timothy Scanlon
 - Paul G Sirbak
 - Dorian D London
- Motion to approve new members by Chaplain Ron Bladwin Scott Brennan, Second Comrade Jim Volrath and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Financial report provided by Financial Officer, Charlie Melhorn.

- Total of \$40,300.34 aggregate of all accounts not including any further monthly charges.
- Met with account this month to review what the POST currently owes the IRS. Approximately \$50,000 in late fees due to paper work not being filed. Accountant is speaking on the behalf of the American Legion Post 34 to remove or reduce penalties. This was sent the second week of July.
- Post 34 is currently in litigation for a slip and fall incident. Working through this process.
- Correct procedures for incidents on property reviewed.
- Visa Credit (points) \$1928.95
- TEC Balance: \$3250.00
- POS Systems have been updated.
- Sales for July: \$34,127.50
- The Veteran Court Partnership has ceased, no accounts on file for them.

1st Vice Commander Scott Edgell asked for clarification if we utilize wet floor signs, this is confirmed that we do.

- Motion to accept finance report by Comrade Jim Volrath, second by Chaplain Ron Baldwin and approved.

Membership report presented by Adjutant Scott Brennan:

- Updated on misprint for continuous years for Legionnaire Renewal letters. The correct continuous years are on the renewal membership cards.
- District 10 Goal for Legionnaire membership is 575 members. American Legion Post 34 is currently at 549 active members.
 - Legionnaire Membership Breakout:
 - 8 Department Life Members
 - 4 Post Transfers
 - 2 Purchased PUFL
 - 55 Renewal PUFL
 - Active: 479
 - Deceased: 14
 - Expired: 122

SICK CALL, RELIEF, AND DEPLOYMENT:

Comrade Jamie Schlauch, thoughts and prayers for recovery.

Service Officer Peter Cardinal

Service Officer Report:

We are assisting one veteran at this time with District Level Service Officer Support.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Purchase of new equipment, flags, and preamble for Legionnaires.
- Legionnaires Officers Lids.
- Motion by Adjutant Scott Brennan to upgrade Legion Flags, Provide Officer Lids, and Preamble flag with a budget not to exceed \$3000.00, second by Chaplain Ron Baldwin, approved.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDANCES:

- Donation Requests
 - Project Hope – Requested a donation which was due prior to this meeting.
 - Woodcrest Villas – Never Forget Garden
 - PA Wounded Warriors - Banquet Invitation

Motion by Comrade Jim Volrath to donate \$100.00 to each request, second by Chaplain Ron Baldwin. Discussion presented by Historian Reed Boring, objecting to donations without more detail. 1 opposed, majority approved.

- Celebration of America – Oregon Dairy, September 9th, 2022. American Legion Post 34 will attend with volunteers.
- Our Community Salutes – Presented the American Legion Post 34 with plaque. 1st Vice Commander Scott Edgell is meeting with the organization in September to start working on the 2023 event.
- SAL Commander Dave Sawyer has requested a donation for a raffle basket for SAL event.

Motion to provide SAL a basket for max value of \$150.00, Second by Tom Cole, approved.

- Legionnaire PC has failed. The PC will remain on American Legion Post 34 site.

Motion by Finance Officer to provide a replacement budget of \$1500.00 for the Legionnaire PC, second by Comrade Jim Volrath, approved.

- SAL Commander Dave Sawyer discussed Legion Family meetings and their importance of occurring, 1 to 2 times per year.

Motion by Commander Tom Cole to have a Legion Family meeting Wednesday, invites to appropriate attendees, October 26th, 2022, second by Chaplain Ron Baldwin, approved.

- Legion College October date will be moving to November 5th at Cumberland Valley Middle School.

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED POST MEMBERS CONDUCTED.

NEXT AMERICAN LEGION POST 34 LEGIONNAIRES POST MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED September 21st, 2022.

CLOSING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 20:32 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Brennan

Adjutant