

AMERICAN LEGION POST 34



January 18th, 2023

Legionnaire Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

- Called to order at 19:05 by Cdr. Tom Cole

OPENING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

LEGIONNAIRES PRESENT PROVIDING A QUORUM:

- Yes

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
- Member at Large: Mike Gamber
- Member at Large: Eric Godfrey

READING OF THE PREVIOUS MONTHS MINUTES:

- Post Adjutant Scott Brennan presented the December meeting minutes. Motion on the floor to accept the previous minutes by Chaplain Ron Baldwin, seconded and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, VISITORS, AND NEW MEMBERS:

- SAL President Dave Sawyer and SAL Adjutant Dan Fahringer

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership report presented by Adjutant Scott Brennan:

- 485 2023 Legionnaire memberships processed to date, 87.2% to district goal. On target for the current month.
- Legionnaire Membership Breakout:
 - 417 1-year memberships
 - 8 Department PUFL
 - 2 Post Transfers
 - 2 Purchased PUFL
 - 55 PUFL Renewals
 - 1 PUFL Time Pay Purchase
- Statistics read of the continuous years percentage make up of our Legionnaires membership.
- Membership renewal post cards sent out to all late renewals along with emails to all members that have an email on file.
- New Legionnaire Members Presented:
 - Thomas J. Moran - USA
 - Ian Wagner – USA
 - Bruce A Overholt – USA/USAF
 - James P Szwajkowski – USN
 - Chris T. Altrichter – USMC
 - Julio R Cintron – Transfer from Post 158 - USMC
 - Nick Dibarnardo – Transfer from Post 945 – USAF
- Motion to approve new members by Financial Officer Charlie Melhorn, Second by Member at Large, Mike Gamber and approved.

Financial report provided by Financial Officer, Charlie Melhorn.

- We are working with financial consultant to avoid fees for missed sales tax reporting from previous years.
- Home Association balance \$13257.95
- Post Account \$1184.21
- Small Games of Chance Balance \$5159.30
- Combined balance of \$19601.46
- Visa Balance: \$5091.81
- Current liquidity is \$14,509.51
- Visa Points: \$1620.29
- Major expenses this month to Game tracker and Liquor control board fines and emergency services.
 - Game Tracker \$500.00
 - LCB \$4950.00
 - Emergency Plumbing - \$650.00
- Review LCB Small Games of Chance suspension.
- Upcoming expenses

- Accountant - \$8642.00
- TEC balance – Approximately \$750.00
- December sales down, break even on canteen. Small Games of Chance sales were down from average. Potentially due to the holidays. This more than likely will be similar in February due to the temporary suspension.
- New accounting methods and procedures are in place, with review by 3rd party accountant.
- Have not received the decision from the IRS.
- Total month sales: \$42,796.52 – food and drink sales remain strong.
- SAL provided a \$650.00 donation to offset emergency plumbing issue.
- Up to date on all bills, not paying interest on any credit cards.
- Motion to approve report by Adjutant Scott Brennan, seconded, and approved.

SAL Report:

- SAL Adjutant Dan Fahringer discussed a purchase the SALs will be doing for a chicken cooker and smoker equipment to benefit SAL and the American Legion Post 34. They have asked if we can store the equipment on site and potentially in the onsite shed. We will review when the equipment is purchased.
- SAL membership at 293 as on 01/16/2023.
- Reminder to SAL to provide membership report to be held behind the canteen bar.
- SAL would like to be part of a future Legionnaire family meeting.

Sick Call, Relief, and Deployment:

- None

Service Officer Report:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Safe update - none.
- Donated Funeral Plots – no further action. The cost for donation is still high.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDANCES:

- Post Adjutant Scott Brennan reviewed the required committees and the need to get the volunteers staffed.
 - House Committee (5 Members)
 - Membership Committee (5 Members, we need 2 more members)
 - Program Committee (5 Members)
 - Service Committee (5 Members)
- Adopted rule for soliciting for donations on premises – this rule will need to be added to revised Home Association house rules. The revision of the house rules is underway. The proposed revisions will be read at the next Legionnaires meeting.
- Cdr. Tom Cole read solicitations for donations.

- Motion to approve \$100.00 donation to Savannah Miller to offset school trip costs for a convention in March and to Eric Eckerd to help his baseball team booster club made by Post Adjutant Scott Brennan, second by Finance Officer, Charlie Melhorn. Discussion conducted by Legionnaires. Historian Reed Boring has volunteered to vet the request by Savannah Miller. Motion to amend the original motion that a \$100.00 donation will be made to only Eric Eckerd at this time pending the findings from Historian Reed Boring. Seconded by Member at large Mike Gamber. Approved.
- Motion made by Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn to donate \$100.00 to Post 34 Auxiliary for their Purse Bingo event. Second by Chaplain Ron Baldwin. Approved.
- 1st Vice Cdr. discussed the next "Our Community Salutes". The date for the event is Friday, May 5th, 2023.

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED POST MEMBERS CONDUCTED.

- Joseph Paul Stanovich – 13 Year Continuous Member.

NEXT AMERICAN LEGION POST 34 LEGIONNAIRES POST MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED FEBRUARY 15th, 2023.

CLOSING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at 20:01 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Brennan

Adjutant