

AMERICAN LEGION POST 34



April 19th, 2023

Legionnaire Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

- Called to order at approximately 19:00 hrs. by Commander 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 – Not Present
- Financial Officer: Charlie Melhorn
- Sgt. At Arms: Kurt Simms
- Service Officer:
- Historian: Reed Boring
- Chaplain: Ron Baldwin
- Member at Large: Mike Gamber
- Member at Large: Eric Godfrey

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, second by Member at Large, Mike Gamber and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, VISITORS, AND NEW MEMBERS:

- SAL President – Dave Sawyer
- Lisa Negarasse(sp)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership report presented by Commander Tom Cole:

- Legionnaire Membership Breakout:
 - Active: 537
 - 96.5% of district goal.
 - Expired: 87
 - 2 Deceased

New member report provided by Commander Tom Cole.

- New Member: Sean Underwood – USA/R -Verified
- Transfer: Elwood Neis -USA- Verified

Motion to approve new members by Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn, Second by Sgt. at Arms, Kurt Simms. Approved.

Financial report provided by Financial Officer, Charlie Melhorn.

- Home Association Balance: \$7,344.27
- Post Account Balance: \$6,402.25, includes \$4,059 in donations for sewage line repairs.
- Games of Chance Account Balance: \$13,098
- Combined Balance: \$26,844.52
- Visa Account Balance: \$6,848.79 due May 9th, 2023.
- Visa points used to pay bills this month. Current balance \$470.89
- Monthly expenses disclosed.
- Monthly sales \$53,675.75
- Small Games sales \$16,078.50
- TEC loan paid in full and lien on building removed.
Motion to approve the Finance report as provided by Comrade Jim Vollrath, second, approved.
- \$16,175.00 owed to Koser Excavators, a Post Member is providing an interest free loan for \$16,000, with a 16-month payback term. This may be paid down sooner based on fundraising events. Motion to accept the loan from the member and the terms by Finance Officer Charlie Melhorn, second by Comrade Jim Vollrath, approved.

Historian Report provided by Historian Reed Boring.

- Updated progress of Purple Heart donation through an estate. The background of veteran and a display case is underway.

Fundraising Report provided by Comrade Kevin Dishart

- Presented Legionnaire Gun Raffle fundraising program. The fundraising opportunity is \$7169.00 to the benefit the Post 34 Legionnaires. 500 tickets at \$20.00 for first wave of tickets. Motion to accept the gun raffle program presented by Chaplain Ron Baldwin, second by 2nd Vice Commander Mike Gics, approved.

SICK CALL, RELIEF, AND DEPLOYMENT:

Barry F. Sangrey – Deceased – 35 Year Member

Service Officer Report:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Certificate of appreciation created and will be presented to the stage donors.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDANCES:

- Cmdr. Tom Cole discussed Memorial Day ceremonies at our American Legion monument. Chaplain Ron Baldwin will be researching where to acquire a wreath for the monument. We will be having a small luncheon for our veterans. We will need to also check on the status of our flag. Discussion also presented to update our memorial plaque to have all current conflicts.
- An award was presented to our own Chef, Ethan, for finding and returning a lost wallet.
- Lisa Negarasse(sp) requested that individuals from veterans court be able to volunteer to assist with the upkeep of the American Legion memorial.
- Discussion about asphalt repair presented by 1st Vice Cmdr. Scott Edgell. Bids for the asphalt repair disclosed to the members. Wiggins Asphalt bid \$4,250 for 4 inch asphalt and Hot Mix Paving bid for 3 inch asphalt \$3,800. Motion to accept Wiggins Asphalt and scope for \$4,250 by Historian Reed Boring, second by Comrade Jim Vollrath. Approved.
- Notice of Legionnaire Board nominations in May 2023 made.

MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED POST MEMBERS CONDUCTED.

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

CLOSING CEREMONIES CONDUCTED.

ADJOURNMENT:

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 19:58 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Brennan

Adjutant