



**American Legion Richard Dingle Post 98**  
**328 Broadway Ave**  
**Saint Paul Park, Minnesota 55071**

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes (December 2021)

Executive Committee Members Present: John Dingle (Commander), Gerald Wright (nominee)(1<sup>st</sup> Vice), Mike Solei (3<sup>rd</sup> Vice), John (“Butch”) Duff (Historian), Joe Kocak (Adjutant), Ray Kane (Finance Officer), Richard Crear (Chaplain), Rick Kullman (nominee) (Sgt at Arms), Craig Kittleson (Gambling Manager), Colleen Scheler (Bar Manager), Auxiliary Rep, SAL Rep

7 voting committee members present

Executive Committee Members Excused: Rob Dack (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice), Janet Lorenzo (Service Officer), Jamie Johnson (Sgt at Arms), Vacant (Past Commander)

2 voting committee members not present

**Post Finance:** Post Finance Report

Checking and Savings account balance: \$ 37,900.77

**Bar/Clubroom:** Bar Report

Checkbook balance: \$ 53,671.05 Savings balance: \$ 20,000.00

Christmas bonus for employees totaling \$ 3,050.00

Motion to approve Christmas bonuses.

Made by: Mike Solei                      Second: Butch                                      Approved

Spring Hop will happen date TBD

**Gambling:** Gambling and Lawful Purpose spending reports

Gambling Allowable expenses for next month would be \$ 19,450.00, and Lawful purpose expenditures of \$ 25,175.00                      Bank balance: \$ 47, 500.00 appx

**Adjutant:** Membership Report- 82.5% (349/423)

**Second Vice Report:** Activities/Calendar

Menu for Fish Fry- Baked/Fried Fish, green beans, coleslaw, au gratin potatoes, breadsticks, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, pudding. Cost \$17.00. All you can eat. We will be serving the food from buffet type line.

Mik from 328 Grill to prep and cook menu for \$ 200.00 per week. We will need volunteers and ambassadors to serve, bus tables/garbage...Ticket sales, etc...

Fish fry start date: February 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 to April 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. (8 weeks)

**Unfinished/Old Business:**

Kitchen contract update/review- in progress

Consolidated Budget- Ray, Craig and Colleen working on final report. Will be ready for January meeting.



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**New Business:**

Commander John Dingle appointed Rick Kullman as Sgt at Arms.

Immediate Past Commander issue. By-Laws says Immediate Past commander and has no way to appoint, or someone roll into position. Need By-laws updated to correct ASAP.

Motion to form committee to work on by-laws.

Made by: Gerald Wright

Second: Joe

Approved

Committee Volunteers: Gerald Wright, Joe Kocak, Ray Kane, Rick Kullman and Butch Duff

Prospective lawsuit- Discussed

Minify quote for electricity savings and lighting in entire building. - Presentation from Ben Wallace on the benefits of program and cost. Will be reviewed.

Discussed new rules for cribbage American Legion Post 98 cribbage rules

1. Bar opens at 11am on Saturday's, there is no entry prior to bar open.
2. Cribbage is to be played in the upper or lower hall, not exceptions.
3. If the hall is rented for any Saturday, Cribbage will be played at another location outside the American Legion.
4. Cribbage will not be played in the Bar or Pull-tab room.

Motion to adopt cribbage rules for post.

Made by: Mike Solei

Second: Rich Crear

Approved

**Around the table / comments**

Snow plowing quote submitted.

Snowfall trigger amount to be determined by post 098 (Our recommendation is a 2" trigger)

We also will provide salting services for parking lot and walkways when requested per management.

\* Single event price (\$200) full plow event

\* Parking lot salting and ice melt for front and rear sidewalks (per request) \$125 per request

\*Prices for monthly contract as requested (Discount applied for monthly contract)

Max Hansen

Gerald Wright read from suggestion box from John W Wright (SAL member) dated 12-13-2021. Comments on the storage shed and dungeon on how these areas have been abused and dumping grounds after they were cleaned up. Need concentrated effort to clean these areas and garage.

Outside food sales like people selling steaks and such are prohibited. Nonprofits like girl scouts are fine.

Meeting adjourned @ 2000