



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

Executive Board Meeting on March 15th, 2021 at 1830.

Members Present: Nick Morrison (Cdr), John Dingle (1st Vice), Sarah Schlicht (2nd Vice), Mike Solei (3rd Vice), Ray Kane (Finance Officer), John ("Butch") Duff (Historian), Janet Lorenzo (Service Officer), Richard Crear (Chaplain), Joe Kocak (Adjutant), Craig Kittleson (Gambling Manager), Colleen Scheler (Bar Manager)

Members Excused: Jim Kaempfer (Sgt At Arms), Gerald Wright (Sgt At Arms), Charlie Silver (Past Cdr)

Presentation from Mike German- Chef for the proposal to lease kitchen from the post Great presentation from him and we covered many aspects of the proposal and items that need to be resolved. 328 Grill is the name and will be on Facebook and have website. He will pay \$1,200.00 per month to lease. Will have 6 month initial contract and will pay 6 months up front. Money will go to post and the 6 month deposit from him will be held in savings to cover maintenance and repair items in the kitchen. Will have new menu, lunch and dinner specials. Will also do catering and has agreed to let us use kitchen for post events as provide list to him such as fish fry's, booyas and such. Items to resolve and look in to are the required contract for the lease, Nick will be doing. Also, the Liability issue and costs. Wants to start April 1st, but dependent on resolving issues and agreeing to contract. Can hire him as a contractor to cook prior to the contract if needed.

Motion to proceed with the process of leasing the kitchen:

Motioned by: Ray Second: Mike Approved

Post Finance: Post Finance Report

Checking and Savings Account Combined Balance is \$ 31,979.97

The Loan Balance on the Building is \$ 48,775.85 as of February 28th, 2021.

Post/Bar/Club

Bar Report: Bank balance is \$ 18,909.99 as of February 28th 2021

Saint Patrick's Day Dinner, Wednesday March 17th Will have Corn beef and cabbage.

Anticipated \$14,000.00 grant from the state, 10K for bar and 4K for gambling. Used for payroll such as bonuses, hiring and other bar expenses. Once received will list where the money is going.

Gambling report: Gambling bank balance: \$ 35,303.78

Lawful Purpose Spending:

Minnesota Veterans Home \$1000.00

Beyond The Yellow Ribbon Cottage Grove Veteran in need pipes burst 750.00

Xcel Energy 1742.23



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Adjutant

Membership for 2021 is presently at 97% (403/413)

Second Vice Report

Fish Fry 2021 Update Sales to date \$8,476.49 Food expense: Est. \$6,300.00

April 6th, 2021 the National Commander will visit our post. Tickets are on-line at the website. We have a maximum occupancy of 120 for this luncheon. If you need a ticket and cannot do on-line, tickets will be available at the bar.

Gambling has approved \$ 1,500.00 for use at the visit.

Service Officer:

Will be making a binder that will contain veteran information on services and contacts.

New Business:

Membership Meetings for April needs to be changed from April 20th (Tuesday)

Change April Executive board meeting date?

Motion to move General Membership meeting to Monday April 19th at 7:30pm and the Executive Board meeting to Friday April 16th at 6:30.

Motioned by: Ray Second: Butch Approved

Legion College April 8-11, pillars of the American Legion. Cost is \$200.00 per attendee.

Ray, Sarah and Janet are attending. Motion to expense \$600.00 to cover cost.

Motioned by: John Dingle Second: Mike Solei Approved

New Freezer: Old freezer bit the dust will need to procure a new one. Cost of new one \$2,700.00 of which \$2,000 will be paid by post and the \$700.00 by bar. The received grant money will be used to cover.

Motioned by: Janet Second: Ray Approved

Electrical issue by kitchen and back bar where freezers are plugged in. Will need to get a licensed electrician to investigate and repair. Post will allocate up to \$3,000.00 and gambling up to \$1,500.00 to look into and repair. The received grant will be used to cover.

Motioned by: Ray Second: Mike Solei Approved

District Convention May 15th in Faribault. Will pay for registration for up to four people.

Ray, Sarah, Janet and Richard will attend. All other costs are upon the attendees.

Motioned by: John Dingle Second: Craig Approved



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Around the table / comments

Butch- Spring Booya May 8th 40/8 will buy all ingredients for the Booya and turn in receipt to the Post. Upon completion of the event the expense and proceeds will be split between the 40/8 and post. Will be making 2-3 pots. Will address event, pricing and packaging at the next meeting, Will monitor state guidelines as they change.

Meeting adjourned @ 2032
Joseph Kocak Adjutant