



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

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for October 11th, 2021

Executive Committee Members Present: John Dingle (Commander), Rob Dack (2nd Vice), Mike Solei (3rd Vice), Ray Kane (Finance Officer), John (“Butch”) Duff (Historian), Janet Lorenzo (Service Officer), Joe Kocak (Adjutant), Charlie Silver (Past Cdr), Craig Kittleson (Gambling Manager), Colleen Scheler (Bar Manager), Auxiliary Rep,
7 voting committee members present

Executive Committee Members Excused: Nick Morrison (1st Vice), Richard Crear (Chaplain), Gerald Wright (Sgt At Arms), Jamie Johnson (Sgt At Arms), SAL Rep
4 voting committee members not present

Post Finance: Post Finance Report- Nothing reported

Budget review/approval- Discussed the need for a complete financial budget for the post which includes gambling and bar. Who is exactly paying what, what percentage and so on. Decided to have John, Craig, Ray, and Colleen gather all payable bills for their area and compile in one spreadsheet for submittal to membership.

Bar/Clubroom: Bar Report: Awaiting September report.
Bank balance is \$ 54,433.37

Adjutant: Membership Report 70%

Second Vice Report

Veterans Day (11th) Lunch (Free) 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm in the Hall. 328 Grill to supply food.
Gambling to cover.

Korean War Veterans luncheon November 13th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Working on details and food. Gambling to cover cost.

Pancake breakfast fundraiser November 14th Discussed this option for a fundraiser.

Post Everlasting November 15th @ 6:45pm (prior to regular meeting) Chaplain working on.

Service Officer: Requested to bring in guest to explain the many VA benefits for veterans.

Gambling: Gambling and Lawful Purpose spending reports.
Gambling bank balance: Appx \$ 34,000.00

Unfinished/Old Business:

October 22nd Fundraiser update/info- added SPP police officer for security, all permits approved. All going well. Discussed members and regular customers options. They will be given a colored wristband and can move about anywhere. People who want to watch the bands will have a different wristband that cost \$10.00 and another for free keg beer for \$25.00. Be nice if all



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would donate to the cause and fundraiser. Bar area will try to remain normal as can be and will have a meat raffle as usual. Kitchen will be open to regular menu.

Bylaw's update review/approval – Working on

Newsletter: Jim Kaempher working on and awaiting final info.

Gas lines in the kitchen are not to code. Item corrected 10/11, 328 Grill paying half of cost and Post will pay remainder. Awaiting invoice.

Walk in beer cooler repair- This has been added to PM for Total Mechanical.

Replacing the water heaters at the post. Fixing the sewer back-up in relation to women's bathroom. Electrical trace out of major components within the Post – Have quotes from Phillips's plumbing for a 98-gallon natural gas water heater, permits and labor (\$7354.80). Also, for sewer backup by removing concrete, cut-out improper T and re-cement floor. Estimated at (\$ 2,350.00). Need to get quote for electrical tracing back to breakers of critical and major outlets and equipment. Estimated at (\$ 3,000.00) Totaling approximately (\$12,700.00) These are critical for business. Looking in to.

Kitchen Contract/Fish Fry/Hall food

Discussed upcoming contract that will start January 2022. Addressing fish fry, hall food, waitress staff and other things. John asked for volunteers to address, Mike Solei, Joe, Colleen and Charlie volunteered. Will report to board.

Pavilion Will address later.

New Business:

Upper and Lower Hall discussion- talked about moving meeting area to lower hall, changing some wall hangings. Adding TV to hall area and back bar. Really need to make the hall more appealing for renters so the post can make additional revenue. Will need to look into lighting issues in both halls.

John read 2 suggestions from the suggestion box. They discussed the bar area and pull-tab room and ensuring more space available for dinner. TVs in hall. Additionally, the other comment is that we do not have enough room at the tables for a group of 4 and chairs pulled from the high-top tables and put at bar. Bar manager and Commander reviewing. Suggestions on file.

Around the table / comments

Chili Fundraiser January 15th (Auxiliary)

Meeting adjourned @ 2015 Joseph Kocak Adjutant