



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

Executive Board Meeting on January 19th, 2021 at 1730. Meeting held via Zoom.

Members Present: Nick Morrison (Cdr), 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), Colleen Scheler (Bar Manager)

Members Excused: Gerald Wright (Sgt At Arms), Craig Kittleson (Gambling Manager), Jim Kaempfer (Sgt At Arms), Lori Carey (Auxiliary President), Charlie Silver (Past Cdr), John Dingle (1st Vice)

Post Finance: Post Finance report read.

Checking and Savings Account Combined Balance is \$ 22,122.13

The Loan Balance on the Building is \$ 48,911.92 as of December 31st, 2020

Submitting for below grant:

Washington County Local Business Relief Grant: Highlights

The amount of the 1st grant will be equal to the 2021 license fee. Then the following:

First priority will be given to restaurants, bars, gyms, and other similar businesses who have been partially or fully closed as a result of EO 20-99. This includes bars and restaurants operated by a non-profit, such as VFW Posts or American Legions, who have been partially or fully closed as a result of EO 20-99.

All grants must be awarded, and checks mailed by March 15, 2021. Once a business meets the eligibility criteria, their grant award amount will be based on the following tiers:

Up to \$15,000 for for-profit and non-profit restaurants and bars impacted by EO-99.

Funds must be used for business operating expenses incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Those expense may include payroll expenses, rent payments, mortgage payments, payments to suppliers, insurance, utility expenses or other critical business expenses (including expenses related to closing and/or reopening).

Post/Bar/Club

Bar Report: Bar report read.

Bank balance is \$ 7,151.00.

New cook- Roxanne

Gambling report: Gambling report read.

Gambling bank balance as of 1-16-2021: \$20,696.46

Lawful Purpose Spending:

Friends in Need Food Shelf	Donation for Christmas gifts for kids	\$200.00
Sysco	Turkey dinner for deployed nurses during Christmas for COVID patients	\$71.67
Xcel Energy		\$1498.14
IRS USATAXPYMT AMERICAN LEGION POST 98		\$167.30



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Adjutant

Membership for 2021 is presently at 93% (385/413)

Newsletter for March/April 2021- Need inputs NLT Feb 16th, will send out via e-mail later that week. Need to know status of events like Palm Sunday Dinner, St. Patrick's Day dinner, Salad Luncheon, Prom etcetera. For our calendar and newsletter.

Bar and Post finance reports need to be to me prior to the meeting, agreed we should have it 1 week prior per Commander.

Donations- Donations received so far for the Outdoor pavilion is at \$ 7,025.00

Reminder about the New website - www.richarddinglepost98.com

Second Vice Report

SCVR handed out gifts for Christmas in December from back of Legion. Great vent

Fish Fry 2021: Status: Lot of discussion on when we will have the fish fry. Sarah will be the point person in charge of the event, noting that she will need everybody's help in getting this going and being successful. We are looking at starting the Post fish fry on February 12th and continue till April 2nd. Price will be \$14.00 for adults, \$6.00 for kids between the age of 6-10 and 5 and under free. Reservations will be required to dine in. We will have take-out and to-go orders. Butch and Richard will do the prep work in the morning for the events. Will need 5 people to volunteer to carry out the fish fry, noting that someone with core knowledge and cooking ability be present at all times. Try to get Fire department to do a couple along with Executive board, SAL's and so on.

Discussed authorizing up to \$3,000 to get product for upcoming fish fry.

Motion to authorize: Rich Crear, Second Butch Duff, Approved with 1 nay

Note: The red drink tickets that have been handed out in the past fish frys are No longer valid at the bar. The bar will no longer accept them. Going forward if we hand out tickets they will be for a \$1.00 drink.

Service Officer Report:

Only 1 person called for assistance last month.

Discussion on veteran that Ray and Janet met at Inver Hills CC, wants to become member of American Legion but financial hardship. Agreed to sponsor him for a year so he can join, using the commander's honorarium from last month. His name Josh Larson. Need his application to submit.

Public Relations/Chaplain's report – Richard Crear

None



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New Business:

General Membership Meetings Mar 2021 and going forward a go unless state guidelines change.

Around the table / comments

April 6th, 2021 the National Commander will visit our post. More discussion to follow
April Booya- discuss in February meeting.

Discussion on purchasing a single door freezer to replace broken one.

List for \$ 1795.00

Motion to purchase Rich Crear, Second by Mike Solei, Approved

Move to adjourn: Ray Kane

Second: Butch Duff

Approved

Meeting adjourned @ 1911 Joseph Kocak Adjutant