



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

July General Member Meeting - 18 July 2022 - 1900

Roll Call of Officers Present: Gerald Wright (Commander), Scott Hanneman (2nd Vice), Mike Solei (Adjutant), Ray Kane (Finance Officer), John (“Butch”) Duff (Historian), Rick Kullmann (Sgt at Arms), Danielle Horan (Service Officer), Forrest Bailey (Chaplain), Craig Kittelson (Gambling Manager)

Executive Committee Members Absent: Janet Lorenzo (1st Vice), John Dingle (Past Commander), Collen Scheler (Bar Manager)

Members Present: 16

Guests Present: None

Motion to waive June General Meeting minutes.

- Motion: Craig Kittelson
- Second: Ray Kane
- Approved

Reading of the Executive Board Minutes completed

Post Finance:

Checkbook balance: \$ 28,953.43 Savings balance: \$ 17,561.52

Checking and Savings Account Combined Balance is \$ 46,514.95

The Loan Balance on the Building is \$ 34,332.30

Credit Limit Balance: \$ 100,000

Bar/Club – No Report given

Gambling report: Gambling bank balance: \$51,609.83

- Motion: Butch Duff
- Second: Joe Duffy
- Approved

Lawful Purpose Spending:

Gambling Allowable expenses for next month would be \$ 25,700

Lawful purpose expenditures of \$ 38,800

Line item for Shriners (\$2,00) was removed and replaced with Picnic (\$1,500)

- Motion: Joe Duffy
- Second: Ray Kane
- Approved

Adjutant: Membership Report

90 Members – 21.2% - Honorary, PUFL, BOGO, and Dan Mogen, new members

Service Officer:

- No report as first meeting in position

Second Vice Report: Activities

Legion Picnic

- July 31 – 1100 – 1600
- Location at the Legion with activities possibly at Veterans Park
- Volunteer list for picnic posted on Volunteer Board
- Investigate sources for corn
 - Found 2 locations for corn
 - Motion to purchase same amount of corn as past – 33 doz. @ \$8.50 per doz.
 - Motion – Craig Kittelson
 - Second – Scott Hanneman
 - Approved
- Block parking lot – Karaoke / bean bag games etc.
- No Gambling
- Bar closed
- Planning on about 400 people
- Membership drive

Heritage Days

- Fill propane tanks
- Possibility of float – commemorate 2022 St Paul Park Business of the Year
- Keg stand – create signup sheet and post
- Flag Ceremony 0800 at Veterans Park
- Wrestling after Tractor Pull in street in front of Legion

Unfinished/Old Business:

Update to By-laws

- Committee created to review By-laws
 - Gerald Wright
 - Danielle Horan
 - Rick Kullman
 - Mike Solei

Lawsuit

- The lawsuit has been settled by the Insurance Company, not the Legion Post. The lawyers have stated that a communication regarding the lawsuit should be ceased, this mean that no one should be discussing lawsuit, especially at the bar.
 - Going forward the Legion Post must take swift action when issues occur, we need to follow our disciplinary procedures.
 - Legion Members need to be aware of actions going forward
 - Staff needs to be held accountable for monitoring actions by members and customers
 - The Parliamentarian needs to be aware of all issues and any suggestions to help changing or updating disciplinary procedures.

Kitchen Contract

- New contract needs to be completed on Legion side by October. Committee created to review contract.
 - Ray Kane
 - Dennis Ferrell
 - Craig Kittelson
 - Butch Duff
 - Scott Hanneman

New Business:

Review handicap parking

- Since new patio built the handicap parking has moved into parking lot, if there a way to get handicap parking in the street in front of the building.
 - Front of building is not ADA compliant with no ramp for wheelchair accessibility, only the back of the building provides no step access

Post to endorse Ray Kane for Department Historian for next year.

Motion: Craig Kittelson

Second: Danielle Koran

Approved

Post to sponsor Ray Kane to National Convention, travel already provided needed support for hotel and food up to \$2,000.

Motion: Craig Kittelson

Second: Danielle Horan

Approved – 1 – Nay

Heritage Days

- Need positive communication between Kitchen and Post for using possibly dishwasher and ovens. Commander will take this on and work with the Kitchen and Post.

Walk-in refrigerator in kitchen went down again weekend of 7/16. The need to fix and not to continue to apply band-aids to only keep paying to fix. Proposal for up to \$10,000 to come from Bar savings account to rebuild current to like new standard.

Motion: Craig Kittelson

Second: Joe Duffy

Approved

Nominations for open positions

- Third Vice – no nominations
- Sgt At Arms – no nominations

Adjutant to work with Ray Kane on reaching out to new Legion members with no Post assigned to get them to our Post.

Charlie Silver still working on headstones for Newport veterans, they are stating that they need more information, Charlie will reach out to Sen. Karla Bingham from support.

Good of the Legion

Nothing discussed

Meeting Adjourned: 1957

Attendance drawing won by: Rick Kullman – donate to Vets

Post drawing won/lost by: Dennis Elwell – not in attendance

Mike Solei

Post 98 Adjutant