

Meeting Minutes

Feb 8, 2024

(Next Meeting: Mar 7 – 7pm)

Opening: Rick Curtis called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Opening Prayer: Joe led us in prayer to start the meeting.

Salute of the American Flag and Pledge of Allegiance:

American Legion Preamble:

Roll Call: (See Below)

Reading of the Prior Minutes: The Jan meeting minutes were approved.

Membership Report: Our membership goal for 2024 is 459 members. Membership renewal is 88%. We have received one new member along with 3 transfer ins.

Finance Report: Bob provided an overview of finances for the month of Jan. The Post financials were positive for Jan, however the primary reason was donations that were received. The financial information was approved. David advised we are still looking for a qualified candidate that can conduct a financial audit using GAAP.

Commander's Comments:

- Rick advised that Hokanson will continue to receive inquiries and bids for the post property. Hokanson will keep Rick apprised on bids as they come in. We requested a 30-day extension to review the latest bid. The extension was approved.
- Linda has been focusing on business expenses and procedures. This emphasis starting to show positive impacts to our bottom line.

Old Business Items:

- Rick and Greg provided an update on the Fish Fry. All systems are go. We are experiencing some challenge from the local social media companies. They have continually denied our request as a non-profit to place our Fish Fry notice on their site. Rick and Exton will reach out to a contact.
- Due to Exton's efforts, we were able to get time from the new fire chief to understand building sprinkler requirements. – **No Update**

New Business Items:

- Joe motioned that begin the process of establishing a formal budget for the Post. The motion was 2nd and approved. Joe will take the initial stab at the budget and provide update during the March meeting.
- Joe requested that we evaluate if there is any benefit of our Post offer to mentor or provide guidance on new individuals who will be entering the service.
- Joe would like to bring back the 4 Chaplains program. Exton will check with his contact at the city to determine if they would like to participate.
- Phil brought up a topic to see if we might want to reshuffle how our gambling nights are structured. The topic was tabled but will be discussed in later meetings.
- Rick would like to reach out to the "Value Pack" organization to determine costs of inserting a flyer on renting our halls.
- The status of the Dumb Waiter was discussed. Since the dumb waiter is not used we believe the maintenance contract can be cancelled. Further research needs to occur. Topic tabled.

Closing Prayer – Joe provided the closing prayer.

Closing: Rick closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

Position	Name	Present	Absent
Commander	Rick Curtis	X	
First Vice	Charlie Holmes	X	
Second Vice and Adjutant	David Leonard	X	
Finance	Bob Trebing	X	
JAG Officer	Exton Cordingley		X
Sergeant at Arms	Sam Hasskett	X	
Historian	Steven Browne	X	
Chaplain	Joe Hunter-Lattak	X	
Executive Board	Sandy Smith	X	
Executive Board	Greg Watson	X	
Executive Board	Andy Carson	X	

Post Leadership

<p><u>Legion Board</u></p> <p>Rick Curtis – Commander – rcurtis@post155.org Charlie Holmes – First Vice David Leonard – 2nd Vice and Adjutant – dleonard@post155.org Bob Trebing – Finance Exton Cordingley – JAG Sam Hasskett – Sergeant at Arms Joe Hunter-Lattak – Chaplain Andy Carson – Executive Board Greg Watson – Executive Board Sandy Smith – Executive Board</p>	<p><u>Auxiliary</u></p> <p>Karen Todd - President Dori Burton - 1st Vice / Membership Amy Stock - 2nd Vice Cindi Trebing - Secretary Barb Duke - Treasure Sara North - Sergeant at Arms Kim Olivares - Historian Kathy Bolander - Chaplain Judy Holmes - Executive Board Shirley Browne - Executive Board</p>
<p><u>Riders</u></p> <p>Greg Lamar - Director Charlie Holmes - Asst Director Judy Holmes - Secretary Greg Lamar - Membership Teresa Perry - Treasurer Larry Allen - Sergeant at Arms Greg Lamar - Historian Diane Jones - Chaplain Greg Watson - Communications</p>	<p><u>Sons of the American Legion</u></p> <p>Charles Kris – President Vacant – 1st Vice Todd Stanley – 2nd Vice Don Merrick - Adjutant Bob Trebling – Treasurer Andrew Brose – Sergeant at Arms Andrew Brose – Historian Bill Clem - Chaplain</p>