



Woodbury American Legion
---The Fighting 501st---
Post 501 Membership Meeting
Meeting Minutes 25 January 2024

Meeting called to order, with opening ceremonies at 1831 by Commander Dolan.

Previous Meeting's Minutes

Meeting minutes from previous meeting were not submitted for review as recorder was absent.

Treasurer's Report

The Financial report was read by the Financial Officer and approved. Current account balances reflect \$ 19571.50 in the Checking Account, \$5 in the savings account and \$ 10,471.04 in Certificate of Deposit, with total financial balance of \$ 30,047.54. The Financial Officer informed the Post that the current CD is up for renewal in February. He advised that Wings Credit Union was offering 4.63% on a 13 month CD. A motion was made and carried that we change to this CD when the due date arrives.

Membership

The 2024 membership number is up to 113 renewals. Our goal for this year is 130 total. Everyone was encouraged to seek new members and follow up with current members to encourage renewal. We are at 87% of our goal.

Communications

CDR Dolan advised the post that he has submitted our post to national for both Website and Newsletter awards.

Service Officer

No service report was entered at the meeting.

Donation Committee

A request for donation was made by the Math and Science Academy for their Robotics Team. CDR Dolan stated that Youth Activities is one of our pillars and this is a STEM Program that has implications for recruitment to the military. The topic was discussed and a \$500 donation was approved. Woodbury Post 501 will be listed as a sponsor.

Old Business

- Joint Awards Banquet

The date is 22 February 2024 at 1700. It will be held at the Green Mill Restaurant. We will forgo a February meeting due to the banquet.

- Woodbury First Responder Paver will be presented to Nathan Beitler
- Eagle Scout of the Year Award will be presented to Johnathon Nelson

- Memorial Day Update

An initial overview of the plans was submitted for review. An initial cost estimate was presented.

- Blood Drive

Commander Dolan has researched this and there is difficulty in finding a location and not conflicting with other drives. It was decided to table the effort until 2025.

New Business

- Boys/Girls State

Vice Commander Kramer will be handling this activity this year. She will be meeting with the Auxiliary from St Paul Park to discuss Girls State.

- Poppy Days 2024

The VFW will be in charge of the May Poppy Days. Tentatively the dates have been set for 10-12 May 2024. A discussion was held about possibly changing the date to 17-19 May 2024. The item was referred back to the VFW Post.

- Multi-Year Membership Renewal

National now has a multi-year membership renewal available for members who had already renewed their dues for 2024. It is a 3 year renewal at the current rate. Members were encouraged to go online to renew as this project ends in June 2024.

Announcements

- March Meeting Location

The March meeting will return to City Hall and will be on 28 March 2024. It was noted to CDR Dolan that this is Holy Thursday and several members may not be present. We will have a guest speaker from Synergy Home.

- Woodbury Non-Profit of the Year Finalist

Commander Dolan and his wife Pat, and Vice Commander Kramer attended the Chamber Of Commerce Gala and the Post was presented with a plaque for being a finalist this Year.

- The VA is now starting a Food Pantry at the VA Hospital in St Paul.

- Commander Dolan and Vice Commander Kramer will be meeting with the Coach for Legion Baseball for East Ridge to determine their needs and the participation of Post 501.

Closing Ceremonies and Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 1945

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Kramer Vice Commander and acting Secretary