

THE LEGIONNAIRE

JULY 2021



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00pm

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The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm by Commander Carl Siemen with 26 members present. The charter was draped in honor of Douglas Grekowicz and James DeVriendt.

OFFICER REPORTS: The minutes and financial reports of the last meeting were read and approved. Ron Volmering reported Hall rentals on July 3 and August 7. Paul Ginther, Chaplin, thanked everyone that participated in the Honor Guard and the Firing Squad at funerals. He also thanked Bill Wells for organizing the Memorial Day Parade. Service Officer Jim Leiby gave the floor to Warren Ramsey for a COVID update. Warren stated "Things should be back to normal by July 1st, but the flu is starting to become a problem". Herb Phelps reported \$985.69 in the refreshment bank account. He also thanked Warren and Ryan for playing taps at funerals and at Memorial Day Ceremony at the cemetery. Tim Robinson, Sargent at Arms thanked Honor Guard and Firing Squad. Next month will have sign-up sheet for Honor Guard and Firing Squad. Tim also plans to schedule a practice for the Firing Squad. Adjutant Gary Erb reported current membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ron Kociba, Cart Derby, reports that Bill Wells sold his cart and donated the proceeds to the Cart Derby. Race Day is July 17. Entry forms and rules are online. Workers and Driv-

ers are needed.

OTHER BUSINESS: Don Ahrens reported that he received 2 checks from Marsha Will for the Honor Guard and Firing Squad at her fathers funeral. One \$200 check was for the American Legion Post 197 and one \$200 check was for the VFW Post 9344. Don stated that several members of the firing squad and Honor Guard are members of both the American Legion and the VFW. Due to this dual membership, Don thinks that all future donations resulting from funerals should be split 50/50 with the VFW Post 9344. Don asked for a motion to be made. Al Kleinknecht made the motion to split the donations 50/50 with the VFW, 2nd by George Wessels. A subsequent vote resulted in 10 yea and 13 nay. The motion did not pass.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 9, 6:30 pm Planning Meeting for Post 101st Birthday Party

July 7, 6:00 pm Flag Disposal

July 17, Cart Derby

August 14, Post 101st Birthday Party

August 21, Harbor Beach Motorcycle Show

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm by Commander Carl Siemen.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2-23 Veterans Winter Party at Post 197

3-10 Blood Drive

3-16 Legion Birthday Party, speaker Janis Stein

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Summer is here and I hope everyone has an enjoyable 4th of July weekend. This month we will meet in the meeting room instead of the hall room. Also, the executive committee will meet at 6:30 until 7:00.

We will be doing a flag disposal of unserviceable flags at 6pm before our meetings start. Will need the following officers. Please dress as we would for a funeral.

Commander - Carl Siemen

1st vice Commander - Ron Kociba

2nd vice Commander - Ken Paulin

Chaplin - Paul Ginther

Sargent of Arms - Tim Robinson

5 for the color guard

Bugler is available.

All are welcome but only those doing the ceremony are required to be dressed up. Hope we do a good job. Note; if any of the above cannot make it, please get someone to fill in or call ASAP Tim or myself (989 -479-6807

Thanks

God bless America

Commander Carl Siemen

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197

American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

June Meeting Notes

The American Legion Auxiliary general meeting was held June 22, 2021 at the post home. The meeting opened at 2:00 pm with 11 members and 1 guest present. President Barbara Ayotte presided. Guest Bill Wells of American Legion Post 197 spoke to us about his planning of the Post 101st Birthday Party. Bill invited us all to the next Birthday Party planning meeting on July 14 at 6:30 pm at the post. We are supporting the American Legion in this event as it is also our 100th Birthday.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Secretary Nancy Erb read minutes from last general meeting, minutes were accepted as read. Treasurer Candy Beasley reported bank balances.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BINGO - Carol Sopczynski has stepped down as Bingo Committee Co-Chair after many years of volunteer service. Thank you Carol. She will be working bingo one day a month and playing as much bingo as she can. There was no report on the Bingo Checking Account, Start Up Cash and Concession Cash at this time. Beth Welker will no longer be working Bingo and has been asked to return the concession cash box and 3 keys she has. **MEMBERSHIP** - Lynda Buchkowski reported 73 members for the 2020-2021 year and 8 members for 2021-2022 year. **CARD & GIFT** - Lucy Kaminiski sent cards to Lena Arndt, Marge Bennett, Monie Draher and Arnie Koehn. **PINS-Pins** have been received and need to be labeled by committee prior to initiation at the July meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The July 27 meeting will start at 1pm and will include a finger food lunch buffet followed by meeting and initiation of new members. A mix of sweet, savory and salty finger foods were promised by members.

Linda Kociba announced that the Cart Derby will be held at the post on July 17. The Lions Club lunch wagon will be onsite. Water and pop will be in the

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refrigerator at the post for the drivers. It is not necessary for the Auxiliary to hand out drinks. Members are welcome to come into the post to rest and get out of the sun.

There was no correspondence. Bills were submitted for payment.

\$10 Attendance Drawing won by Becky Piotrowski; 50/50 Drawing of \$10.50 won by Toni O'Neil

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3 pm by President Barbara Ayotte.

Following the meeting, Gary Erb, Post Adjutant showed members how to lock and unlock the door to the ramp.

The next meeting is July 27, 2021 at 1:00 pm to include the lunch buffet and initiation.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

DRAWINGS:

\$10 RICH KIRSCH

ATTENDANCE: DENNIS ESSENMACHER JR, NOT PRESENT, NEXT MONTH \$60

50/50: DON AHRENS \$32

HALL RENTAL

Please contact **Ron Volmering** at (989)551-9061

MEMBERSHIP

Membership as of 6-2-2021:

23 PUFL

126 Regular

149 Total Membership

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