

THE LEGIONNAIRE

SEPTEMBER 2021



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

MEETING:

Wednesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2021

Regular meeting opened in proper form with 28 members present. Ron Kociba was acting Commander in Carl Siemens absence as was Bill Wells for absent Chaplin Paul Ginther. Gary Erb has resigned as Post Adjutant, so Commander Carl Siemens is in the process of finding a replacement for Gary, anyone interested in this position should contact Carl. Minutes of the July meeting and all reports were given and accepted without changes. Maritime beverage sales showed a profit of \$912.91 after expenses, Maritime Raffle ticket sales \$204.00. The Cart Derby summer raffle brought in \$685 after expenses and the Cart Derby net profit was \$1383.01. However the timing system for the cart derby will need repair due to a collision with it during the race, no information at this time as to cost to repair it. The computer system was completely destroyed, Ron Kociba will be checking on repair costs. Herb Phelps reported that the beverage fund has \$1098.50 in it as of August 1st. Ron Volmering reported he is getting more and more calls for hall rentals, there are 2 this month and one in the fall. Service Officer reported that acting Secretary of the Air Force John P. Roth has informed US Senator Gary Peters that Selfridge ANG Base will remain operational at least into the next decade and possibly beyond the 2030's. The base will retain all its A-10 aircraft (21) and KC-135 refueler aircraft with the KC-

135's being replaced by KC-46 in the future. Also all A-10 aircraft will be updated in fiscal year 2026. Don Ahrens reported that there has been some more vandalism at the Memorial Garden, local law enforcement will continue to investigate to find those responsible. Flowers for the Memorial cost \$900 this year so we need to find a way to pay for them in the future. George Wessel's gravesite report: 437 at Rock Falls, 274 at OLLH and 32 at Helena for a total of 743. Members of the Building Committee will be painting the handicap ramp before the 101 Year Celebration event. Bill Wells reported that planning for the 101 Year Celebration is going very well. The Ladies Auxiliary will be helping to plan and provide the food, they also will have a display. Activities will include cornhole, silent auction, cart derby display, history display, flag education, Memorial Garden tours, games, and cart silhouette painting for the kids and other displays. Tent setup will be August 13th at 8:00 AM. If you are setting up a display please come early before the celebration to setup. The Celebration will take place from 12 noon to 6 o'clock PM.

The Sebewaing American Legion Post will have their 100 Year Celebration on August 21st at 10 AM.

There being no further business meeting was closed by acting Commander Ron Kociba at 7:55 PM.

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

First off thank you to Bill Wells for heading up the 101 year celebration of our post also thanks to the Lady's Auxiliary and all who donated time and talent the celebration went well, Thank you Ron Kociba for filling in for me and all others who filled in for those that were absent. We will be putting up the flag before our home games again this year I called the school and they stated they would be honored to have us do this. Our post is looking for someone to take over the adjutant position so if anyone is interested in becoming an officer please advise at the meeting or call 989-479-6807. We will train many items to discuss this month like upcoming chili cook off, update on the motorcycle run, update on the flag ethic meeting with the school and many other items. See everyone at the meeting.

Thank you. God Bless.

Commander Carl Siemen

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197
American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

August, 2021 Meeting Notes

The American Legion Auxiliary general meeting was held August 24, 2021 at the post home. The general meeting opened at 2:00 pm with 13 members present. President Barbara Ayotte presided.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BINGO - Carol Sopczynski stated that she will be reporting at the next meeting the additions to Bingo Co-Chairs and Bingo Concessions. There is a new raffle account which may be used for a pizza lunch next week for all workers and players. A discussion took place regarding Bingo cash. The remaining balance in Prior Bingo Concessions will be consolidated with Current Bingo Cash.

MEMBERSHIP - Lynda Buchkowski reported 28 members have paid their dues

CARD & GIFT - Lucy Kaminiski reported she has sent thinking of you cards for members not attending meetings.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The three keys held by Beth Welker have been returned and given to Unit President Barbara Ayotte. A collection box is now at the post for School Supplies for the Lutheran School. We will present the supplies the last week of January 2022 during National Lutheran School Week. Barb Ayotte will present the donation at that time. Candy and Barb met at the bank to add Barb as a signer on the account. The bank needs a list of names of members who agree and approve of adding Barb to the account as well as a copy of the meeting minutes. A signature sheet was on the table for members to sign. Please submit your hours worked on Legion, Auxiliary and Community projects to Barb. Barb provided forms to record monthly hours, which should be submitted to Barb after March 2022 hours. **Continued on next column...**

Auxiliary minutes continued...

Legion 101st Birthday Party was held August 21. We donated \$208 in food to the American Legion lunch to provide portioned Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Potato Chips that were purchased at Gordon Food Service. Bea Parker kindly paid and picked up the food we donated. She was reimbursed by the Bingo Concessions Cash. Candy, Lucy and Lynda worked tirelessly in the kitchen and on the dessert table to help make their lunch a success. An Auxiliary display was in the small meeting room made by Barb, Marge and Carol. A Poppy display was in the large Bingo room made by Candy and Lynda. The poppy committee also made a poppy wreath that was donated to the Party Silent Auction. An Auxiliary display was in the small meeting room made by Barb, Marge and Carol. A Poppy display was in the large Bingo room made by Candy and Lynda. The poppy committee also made a poppy wreath that was donated to the American Legion. Auxiliary Bake Sale was a success. Nancy, Sally and Jane worked overtime to put this together. Thank you to all the Auxiliary Members and Bingo Players for their donations. Sally also donated the supplies and her time to work 2 hours in the Youth Activities tent guiding children in decorating sugar cookies with frosting and sprinkles.

\$10 Attendance Drawing won by Candy Beasley

50/50 Drawing of \$ 16.50 won by Lucy Kaminiski

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

The next general meeting is September 28, 2021 at 2:00 pm

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

DRAWINGS:

\$10 DON AHRENS

ATTENDANCE VICTOR WINKEL (ABSENT, \$70 NEXT MONTH)

50/50 PHIL MOSES (\$27)

HALL RENTAL

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

MEMBERSHIP

Membership

2021: 23 PUFL 127 Regular =150

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