

THE LEGIONNAIRE

OCTOBER 2021



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

MEETING:

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF (DATE HERE)

Regular monthly meeting opened proper form by Commander Carl Siemen with 28 members present. The Post Charter was draped in honor of members John Genis and Ernest Dorsch who died July 17th, 2020. All reports were given without additions or changes. George Wessels reported there are 438 gravesites at Rock Falls Cemetery, 275 at OLLH and 32 at Helena Cemetery for a total of 745. Don Ahrens reported that two (2) Flag informational seminars will be scheduled at the high school this fall. Costs for supplies will be shared by Post 197 and VFW Post 9344. Don also said that flowers for the Memorial Garden will cost \$300 instead of \$900 as previously reported. The Post will be sponsoring one hole at the Knights of Columbus golf outing at a cost of \$50. Gary Erb said that Member Ernest Dorsch died July 17th 2020. Chili cookoff is Sept 18th, contact Jim Leiby if you would like to help with cooking or serving. We will be cooking on Thursday and Friday before the Saturday event. Gary Erb gave the membership report, 75 regular, 25 PUFL for a total of 100, if you haven't paid your dues for 2022 please contact Gary. Chaplain asked that if you have a few minutes stop in and see member Doug Donaldson at hospital long term care. Bill Wells reported that the 101 Year Celebration went very well with about 150 guests attending. The cost will only be about \$176 after expenses. The Beverage Chairman reported

that the beverage fund has \$1142.60 in it. More practice is needed for the Firing Squad, but Warren Ramsey said that our Post's is the best in the thumb area, if you would like to be part of the Firing Squad please contact Tim Robinson or Bill Wells. Motorcycle Rally event beverage sales were \$176. Ron Kociba said the Cart Derby generated \$1,100 to the general account plus startup money for next year's event. If you know of anyone who would like to be part of next year's race please invite them to participate, rules are available at the Post website (hbamericanlegion197.org) The Post garage sale is going well, if you can help see Bill Wells, hours are 10 AM - 4 PM Monday through Saturday at 633 Trescott Street. Donations were received from the families of Aldrid E. Zinger and Ernest Dorsch.

There being no further business meeting was closed at 8:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Well fall is here time sure goes by fast hope everyone enjoyed the summer this year. Our post became more active this year things are near normal and I hope it stays. The post had a good day last Friday the 18th we had good day at our yard sale, we won the chili cook off best out of 18 or so after that we did a funeral for Wilbur Craven in Bad Axe and the firing squad did a real good job all guns sounded like one gun all three times it was nice. Thank you to everyone who worked that day. Thank you to all members and auxiliary members for what you do. When things need to get accomplished we get them done. See you all at the meeting.

God bless America

Commander Carl Siemen

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197
American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 Meeting Notes

.....The American Legion Auxiliary general meeting was held September 28, 2021 at the post home. The general meeting opened at 2:00 pm with 18 members present. President Barbara Ayotte presided.

OFFICER REPORTS:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BINGO - Balances for checking account, startup cash, concessions cash and raffle cash were reported by Candy Beasley. Bingo player count has dropped, as it does occasionally. Jim Leiby/American Legion gave Bingo the unused Bingo cards being stored in the cabinet as they have no use for them. Carol Sopczynski has returned as a Co-Chair to Bingo and will be taking over in October. Lu Lemanski will be added as a 3rd Co-Chair as well as taking over concessions on the months she is not Co-Chair. The months she is Co-Chair she will have a substitute in concessions for her. She will additionally take over the Bingo Concession and Raffle Accounts and be responsible for purchases needed and reporting balances at the monthly meeting.

MEMBERSHIP - Lynda Buchkowski reported 44 members have paid their dues. She reminded us that some officers have not paid their dues for the current year of 2021-2022. Officer dues are due before installation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The annual Auxiliary Christmas Party will be held November 23, 2021 at 1pm with a luncheon buffet of finger foods brought by members followed by a short meeting.

\$10 Attendance Drawing won by Bea Parker
50/50 Drawing of \$21 won by Marge Bennett

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm by President Barbara Ayotte.

After the close of the meeting, the members celebrated the 95th Birthday of Dorothy Wilbur. Barbara Ayotte had made and decorated cupcakes, a special card was made by Carol Sopczynski and the members sang Happy

Birthday to Dorothy. Members socialized while enjoying cupcakes with Dorothy on this special occasion.

The next general meeting is October 26, 2021 at 2:00 pm

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

DRAWINGS: \$10 RON VOLMERING
ATTENDANCE DAMIEN SIEMEN (NOT PRESENT,
\$75 NEXT MONTH)
50/50 JIM LEIBY (\$26)

HALL RENTAL

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

MEMBERSHIP

75 regular,
25 PUFL for a total of 100,
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