

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## MAY 2022



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:00pm*

## MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2022

Regular meeting opened in proper form with 20 members attending. All reports were presented and accepted without any changes. It was decided to present to members with over 50 years membership a special certificate of continuous service. Also a certificate of recognition will be presented to Doug Gentner for his work with the county work crew. The Post will pay Herb Phelps membership dues this year in recognition of him making the ammo boxes that are presented at funerals to the family of the deceased veteran. A donation was received from Michelle Kennedy to help maintain the Heroes Memorial Garden, the donation will be deposited in the Memorial Fund. Hall rentals are going very well with new requests coming in on a regular basis. If anyone would like to view pictures of events that the Post has participated in, the pictures would be in the history report in the cabinet in the meeting room, or contact Gary Erb or Jim Leiby. Don Ahrens reported that the donors plaque will be installed at the Memorial Garden when the weather is nicer, also he will talk to the city Mayor about how the garden will be maintained and will give an update at the May meeting. George Wessels reported that there are no new veterans burials at the cemeteries so the number remains at 751 gravesites. The county work crew deep cleaned the hall in March and did an outstanding job as usual. Bob Winkel and Bill Wells will be

collecting donations for the cart derby in the near future. The cart derby is July 17th, please contact one of the committee members if you would like to help at the derby. Tim Robinson would like to resign as janitor, if you are interested in the job call Carl Siemen. A motion was made to donate \$50 to the Paralyzed Veterans of America Foundation, motion passed. The Refreshment Fund has \$1072.35 as reported by Chairman Herb Phelps. A thank you card will be sent to Michelle Kennedy for her donation to the Memorial Garden Fund.

These are the nominations for the 2022-2023 post officers and executive board members, if you would like to run for an office please let Carl Siemen know ASAP.

Commander	Ron Kociba
Sr. Vice Commander	Ken Paulin
Jr. Vice Commander	Bob Winkel (tentative)
Adjutant fice)	Carl Siemen (appointed of-
Asst. Adjutant	Jim Leiby (appointed office)
Finance Officer	Al Kleinknecht
Chaplin	Paul Ginther
Judge Advocate	Ron Volmering
Service Officer/Hist.	Jim Leiby
Sgt-At-Arms	Tim Robinson
Executive Board	Darrell Connell
	Leo Bennett
	Bob Winkel, Past Command-

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## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

We now have new officers lined up for the year 2022-2023 just need conformation on a couple then I will turn names into department of Michigan. This month is very active for the Legion, we have Memorial day, Armed forces day and Mothers day. Honor veteran gravesites. Present school awards Also summer baseball and other athletic programs start. We must plan all our summer activities as well as coming up with ideas that will draw new members. Thanks for all that you do to keep our Post in good order.

Thanks. God bless.

*Commander Carl Siemen*

**BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197**  
**American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach**

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**April 26, 2022 Meeting Notes**

The American Legion Auxiliary general meeting was held April 26, 2022 at the post. The general meeting opened at 1:00 pm with 10 members present. A quorum of 7 members has been met. President Barbara Ayotte presided. Draping of the charter was done for three members that have passed: Toni O'Neil, Monica Draher, Joann Will.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

Secretary Nancy Erb read minutes from the last general meeting November 23, 2021. Minutes accepted as read. Treasurer Candy Beasley reported bank balances. Report accepted for audit.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**BINGO** - Carol Sopczynski reported that bingo is going well. Recently a repair was made to the bingo machine. Balances for April checking, concessions and raffle were given. Balance for January, February and March are available upon request. **MEMBERSHIP** - Lynda Buchkowski reported 75 members have paid their dues.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**-Barb Ayotte reported that she and Bea Parker delivered the school supplies donation from our Unit to Zion Lutheran School in January. Several school boys were helpful by bringing in the boxes of supplies. The school and students were very happy to receive our donation. **POPPY DAYS**-Candy Beasley reported that we will not be having Poppy Days in May. **SCHOLARSHIP**-Lynda Buchkowski and Marge Bennett were able to select two scholarship recipients from the nine applications received from Harbor Beach High School, both are descendants of Veterans. The Awards Ceremony will be held May 11 at 6 pm at the Community House Gym. President Barbara Ayotte will be presenting.  
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**Auxiliary minutes continued...**

**NOMINATING**-Carol Sopczynski proposed a slate of officers for the 2022-2023 year. A vote will be taken at the May meeting to accept them: Barbara Ayotte, President; Lynda Buchkowski, 1st Vice President; Linda Kociba, 2nd Vice President; Jane Volmering, Secretary; Candice Beasley, Treasurer; Sally Koehn, Chaplin; Carol Sopczynski, Historian; Marge Bennett, Sgt At Arms; Bea Parker, Asst Sgt At Arms. Executive Committee: Becky Piotrowski, Lu Lemanski, Eloise Breathour. **CARD & GIFTS**-Lucy Kaminiski sent cards to: Nancy Erb, Nancy Rose and Bea Parker.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**CART DERBY CONCESSIONS**-Linda Kociba talked about the challenges Cart Derby will have this year, particularly with the Lions Lunch Wagon no longer available to provide lunches. Possibly the lunches will be 8' subs ordered from Subway. She asked if we would help serve the subs, chips and refreshments. Nancy Erb and Lynda Buchkowski volunteered. **GIRLS STATE**-Lynda Buchkowski reported that it will be held online again this year. We will not be participating. **CORRESPONDENCE:** ThankYou Cards received from The Banker Family and The Kriewall Family.

Marge Bennett asked that the Unit consider changing the Auxiliary meeting date to the same date as the Post meetings. That would mean moving the meeting day to the 1st Wednesday of each month instead of the current 4th Tuesday of each month. However, keeping the meeting time at 1 pm. The suggestion was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

\$10 Attendance Drawing won by Marge Bennett

\$10 50:50 drawing won by Lucy Kaminiski

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

The next general meeting is May 24, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the post.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

\$10.00 GARY ERB

ATTENDANCE AL KLEINKNECHT (ABSENT..\$30 NEXT MONTH)

50/50 DAN LEMANSKI (\$19)

**HALL RENTAL**

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

25 PUFL + 106 Regular = 131 Total as of 4-1-2022

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