

THE LEGIONNAIRE

JUNE 2023



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

MEETING:

Wednesday, June 7th at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 27 members attending. Commander welcomed new member Donald Musser. Commander commented on the vets outing it went well special thanks to the Essenmacher family. Two recognitions were handed out for fifty years of continuous service to the Legion post one to Warren Ramsey and one to Brain Mcarther. Thank you for your continuous years of service. Commander went over the upcoming events. The prisoners will be at the cemetery doing grave stone maintenance on the 18th and on 19th the Legion will be responsible to help out as well as to provide lunch for the crew on the 19th. See last months news letter for listing of all activities. After the May 29th events the VFW will provide lunch at the VFW hall. Be sure to attend the events to help out it is important to honor our fallen service men and women.

The meeting minutes of April were read by the adjutant and were approved as read. The financial report was given by finance officer Al Kleinknecht after review a motion was made to except the accounts by Bill Wells and 2nd by Steve Oglenski. Motion approved. After review finance officer suggested we move \$4000.00 dollars from the Raymond James account into the checking account, motion made by James Leiby and 2nd by Bill Wells to make the move. Motion approved. Hall thth Volmering report-

ed he has two rentals in June and two in July. Service officer Jim Leiby reported that the bean soup was made today for the can to can fishing event, we will do hot dogs and bean soup. Jim will need help and will contact some members we are to meet around 9:00am at the legion hall.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson. Absent with notice.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther mentioned that Arnold Koehn needs prayers and asked if anyone knows of someone that needs a visit or prayers.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells reported that the sales of the tickets are going well he also has some additional posters that can be placed at various locations, see bill if you are going somewhere that an advertisement poster can be placed.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated that the old ramp and deck will be taken down around the 15th, 16th 17th then the siding must be replaced and will need volunteers to help do this, please check in with Bob if you are able to help remember this is our building and it takes everyone doing what they can to help keep it up. Thanks. Call 1-810-300-9295.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$492.00 in the account.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 761 to date. George also went over the upcoming plans for getting the veterans graves ready for Memorial Day. They are as follows May 18th 8:00am edge headstones OLLH. May 19th 8:00am edge headstones Rock falls. Thanks George.

Unfinished business: Stag party April 29th 2023 went well again special thanks to the Essenmacher family for purchasing many of gifts and donations to the post. Don Aherns stated that 17 flats of flowers will be donated for the hero's garden and the FHA members will plant them on the 20th of May we will need some oversight that day.

New business: Commander mentioned that we will hold on to the carts until we know for sure that no one local would care to take over the cart derby event. Warren Ramsey stated that we will be needed to do a funeral on Monday the 8th be at the HNOM church at 11:00 am then to the Helena cemetery.

Meeting Minutes Continued.

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

We had a fun and successful Veterans night. Veterans, spouses and guests all had a fun and enjoyable evening. A big Thank You, to all of those that organized the event and supported it with donations, prizes and gifts.

We also had a successful luncheon for the participants of the Can to Can fishing tournament. With the donations we received from the participants we were able to more than cover our costs.

By the time this is published, we will have started the deck and ramp replacement project. The siding repair job has also started. This is to correct a water intrusion issue behind the siding.

Our fundraising activities like the electric bike raffle, the summer raffle as well as other activities are progressing.

We honored a couple veterans at their funerals during the month of May.

We will present scholarships to two local Graduating Seniors.

There is also a cemetery gravestone cleanup aided by prisoners on May 19th. Flags are to be placed on Veteran's graves on May 25th starting at 2:00PM

We will also have The Memorial Day observance at the cemetery as well as the Parade in Harbor Beach followed by a luncheon at the VFW hall.

As you can see, May is, and will be, a busy time for us; please plan to participate in our activities, and volunteer to help when you can.

God bless America

Commander Ron Kociba

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197
American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

May 23,2023 Meeting Notes

Meeting opened at 1:pm on Tuesday May 23rd.

Bea Parker Sgt .of Arms placed the flags in place .

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Auxiliary Preamble was recited .

Sally Koehn our Chaplain had the opening prayer .

Roll call was taken of officers . We had 11members present.

Jane Volmering read the minutes of last meeting . She noted 100.00 was given from Integrit Cleaning and not Woman's Life . A thank you note was sent to Integrit Cleaning.

Bills were submitted for magnets etc. Rebekah Piotrowski made motion Bea Parker seconded the bills should be paid . All ayes

We had a guest present . Ron Kociba gave a demonstration on AED machine . He mentioned the post was in need of financial help.

Membership Lynda Buchkowski gave reportwe have 70 members .

Candice Beasley gave Bingo report .

After Ron our guest left , we discussed the situation of helping the post . A motion made by Lynda Buchkowski and seconded by Lucy Kaminski to give a lump sum of 3,000 to help.

Luci Kaminski gave report on Flower /Gifts cards were sent to her daughter and John Ayotte having health issues .

Our bake sale will be July at Maritime Festival starting at 9 AM till all is gone .

Memorial Day Parade meet at Legion Hall . Memorial service at cemetery at 9 AM

New Officers

Barb Ayotte President

1st Vice Lynda Buchkowski

2nd Vice Linda Kociba

Treasurer Sally Koehn Secretary Jane Volmering

Sergeant of Arms Bea Parker

Chaplain Lucy Kaminski

Executive Committee Eloise Breathour Candi

Beasley Rebekah Piotrowski **Continued on next column...**

Auxiliary minutes continued...

Lynda Buchkowski made motion to accept and Beatrice Parker seconded the officers for 2023-2024

We need members to go over the standing rules . The following volunteered Lynda Buchkowski , Sally Koehn ,Candice Beasley , Linda Kociba .

Next month meeting tea is Barb Ayotte for June 27 th

Our July meeting will be at Williams Inn for Installation . Soup and salad bar only .

Our committee for scooping icecream at the VFW is Sally Koehn Carol Sopczynski and Lynda Buchkowski after lunch on Memorial Day .

50/50 won by Lynda Buchkowski

Chaplain prayer closing Sally Koehn

Meeting closed at 2:15

Submitted by Jane Volmering Secretary Unit 197

Meeting minutes continued...

Nomination of officers will stand as current but if anyone wishes to step up and take a position please call 989-392-5692 before next meeting because we will install all officers at the June meeting using the short form. The Huron County allied Vets meeting will be May 18th at 7:00pm

Lunch Committee: For June will be put on by Marvin Emming thank you Marvin.

Post Suicide awareness will be May the 16th. All are invited to join in on the Little Caesar fundraiser for the Harbor Beach Veterans of foreign wars post 9344. Please help support the VFW post.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from the little league for our donation. Thank you from the Harbor Beach Goodfellows

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Drawings: \$10.00 Carl Siemen.

Membership: \$25.00 Kenneth Koch absent.

50/50 \$25.00 Dave Koehn. Dave donated the winnings to the post. Thank you.

HALL RENTAL

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MEMBERSHIP

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