

THE LEGIONNAIRE

JULY 2023



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

MEETING:

Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF JUNE 7, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 24 members attending. Commander welcomed guest Lila the student trooper our post sponsored and two potential new members Thomas and Heather socia. Student trooper Lila gave a very nice thank you to all the members for her sponsorship donation. Before normal business the Officers for 2023-2034 were lined up and sworn in using the short form by adjutant Carl Siemen. Thanks to all for taking on this task.

Commanders Comments: commander thanked all you helped out at the funeral also mentioned that we need additional help and stated that Tim Robinson will set up training. Memorial Day went well except our post did not send a color guard to the Bad Axe parade. Commander received a check from the Auxiliary for three thousand dollars to help support the post. A special thanks will be given to the auxiliary members. Two scholarships at two hundred fifty each were given to graduating seniors again this year, there was discussion as to the amount given, starting next year we will raise the scholarships to five hundred dollars motion made by Bill Wells 2nd by Dan Lemanski.

Upcoming event: July 5th at 6:00pm before our meetings we will retire flags this is an important event and all officers involved are to be dressed up as we would for a funeral service. Thanks. Let us

look good.

The meeting minutes of May 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 Jim Leiby and 2nd by Ron Volmerinig, Motion approved. Hall rental Ron Volmering reported he has two rentals in June and one in July also one for July 2024. Service officer Jim Leiby thanked all who helped out at the can II can event, Jim also stated that we will have a guest next meeting from the Bad Axe veterans office.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: will schedule training for the color guard and firing squad.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther mentioned that Arnold Koehn is at the VA clinic and needs prayers also Richard Geiger is in a nursing home, also Herb Phelps had open heart surgery please pray for all members and there families in need.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells reported that the sales of the tickets are going well he also mentioned the cards that were made up and can be handed to potential new members please carry some with you, Bill has additional cards if needed. The team also came up with a new idea to raise funds, looking at a Soup and pie day once a month Committee will start this in September. Help will be needed as to making soup and pies more information to come.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated that the old ramp and deck has been removed and the new deck is in. The new ramp will be put up on Friday starting at 8:00am commander will bring the aluminum deck that was stored on his trailer. Please help if you can Thanks. Call 1-810-300-9295. Ron Kociba mentioned the new LED light that was put in and going forward we will use the LED. So much brighter.

Refreshments: Al Kleinknecht reported \$500 in the account.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 763 to date. George also reported that the flag removal only took about one hour thanks to all who helped out. Thanks George.

Unfinished business: Commander working on a job

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

I have been your Commander for a year now.

The first anniversary is a chance to review what has been done. I think we have been successful in improving the appearance of the building. We have organized a number of successful events, like Maritime Festival activities, Veterans Day dinner party, Veterans Night party, as well as various fundraising activities and a number of luncheons. We have also provided Honor Guards and Firing Squads for a number of Veteran funerals.

There have also been things that have not been quite as successful. First of all, we all need to do our part to continue to grow our post. We all need to recruit members whenever an opportunity presents itself. Another area that we need to work on, is the number of volunteers. I would like to thank the important core of people that always seem to volunteer to help out; However, we need more volunteers to help with many of our activities. Funerals, Maintenance items at the hall, Parades, Honor Guards, Memorial activities, Luncheons, Fundraisers etc. all need additional volunteers.

All in all, I believe we have had a successful year. I will continue to try my best for our post. Remember, this is Your Legion post, I am merely a servant or facilitator.

God bless America

Commander Ron Kociba

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197

American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

The general meeting was held on June 27th. at 1pm at post home with 8 members present. President Barbara Ayotte presided. Officers and committee reports were given. Discussions about are up coming Bake Sale during Maritime Festival on July 8th. from 9-5 post home. Scholarship recipients sent a Thank-you. Our next meeting is July 25th., 12 noon at Williams Inn, installation of new officers. Meeting adjourned 2:15.

for janitorial / cleaning service. We need to look into the flag sales to see if an alternate is needed.

New business: Cart derby equipment, Don Aherns will ask the Amvets if they are interested in doing anything if they are not interested Commander request permission to dispose of items. Motion to do this made by Al kleinknech 2nd by Jim Leiby. Motion carried.

Al Kleinknecht suggested our post donate \$100 to the Maritime Festival. Motion made to do so by Ron Volmering 2nd by Jim Leiby. Al also stated we need to put the tent up for this event. Al will come up with a time and date to do this, workers will be needed. Don Aherns stated that we have a vet in distress and we need to gather wood and cut it up volunteers should meet at the VFW hall Saturday the 19th at 9:00am. Don also mentioned that the Legion and the VFW should look into doing a corn hole event and split the profits.

Lunch Committee: For June was put on by Marvin Emming very nice thanks Marvin. For July perhaps pizza?

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you note from Morgan Zerek

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Drawings: \$10.00 our guest Heather Socia.
Membership: \$30.00 Richard Kirsch present.
50/50 \$19.00 Dave koehn. Dave donated the winnings to the post. Thank you.

HALL RENTAL

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