

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## SEPTEMBER 2023



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7:00pm*

### MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 25 members attending. The carter was draped for Ronald Volmering. The charter will be draped next month for Timothy Oneil. commander tanked all who attended the funeral for Ron nice job. Commander mentioned having a joint meeting twice annual with the Auxiliary. Members thought this was a good idea Ron will set it up also Ron mentioned he will be absent for September meeting.

Up coming events Soup and pie dinner August 16th also there will be a District meeting in Port Auston on the 13th of August.

The meeting minutes of August 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 Dan Lemanski and 2nd by Bill Wells, Motion was approved. Service officer Jim Leiby thanked those who helped out with the pulled pork and those who went to Holly for the Ron Volmering services.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: There will be a funeral at OLLH be there at 10:30am Thank you.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther read the thank you cards received from those who were sent a get well soon card Richard Geiger also thanked him and our post for all that we do for those that are down and out. This is a sign that we have a good Chaplin thank you

Paul for making contact with our veterans in need. Paul also mentioned those in assistant living and in long term care locations please pray for them.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells gave a report on the ticket sales going well but its time to sell and or turn in the tickets you have. Bill will have a meeting on Tuesday the 8th of August at 6pm at the post. the main topic will be the soup and pie event coming up August 16th a sheet was passed around so that members present could sign for workers needed. Please support the Post on this event we will serve from 4:00pm until 6:00 pm. Please be at the 6pm meeting Tuesday to get assignments.

Building committee: Robert Winkle no updates as of this meeting.

Hall rentals will be handled by Al Kleinknecht until someone can take over or even assist Al in this function one of many jobs of Ron Volmering he will be missed. May God bless Ron.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$634.74 in the fund.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 766 to date.

Unfinished business: Commander working on a job for janitorial / cleaning service responsibilities list it is near completion. But as of this time Tim Robinson will continue performing the duties.

New business: hall rentals Dave Koehn offered to assist Al with this function. And Herb Phelps offered to cut the grass. Thank you both for stepping up. It was brought up that our post would donate \$200 dollars back to the Girl Scouts from the hall rental. Motion made by Darrell Connell 2nd by Herb Phelps motion approved. As of this time we still need to have someone take over the raffle that Ron Volmering was in charge of.

Lunch Committee: For September left over items from soup and pie dinner or Thomas Socia.

Correspondence: read by the commander.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

We typically begin our normal meetings with a recitation of the preamble to the American Legion Constitution. Many times, I find myself just repeating the words without thinking about what it all means.

So why do we start with the preamble? In it there are 10 clauses that define why we exist and join ourselves together. The first line States "For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purpose". Then there are 9 additional clauses that explain why we exist as an organization.

After reviewing the clauses, it becomes more obvious why we recite this document before each meeting because it really does set the stage for why we meet and how we are to conduct ourselves as proud members and citizens of a Community, a State and a Nation.

So, the next time we recite the preamble, all of us should reflect on what we are saying and "Why" we are saying it.

On a side note, we would like to remind everyone that any Legion mail correspondence must have PO Box 9 within the address. Otherwise, mail will not be deliverable. Thank you. God bless America

*Commander Ron Kociba*

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**American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach**

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**Meeting Notes**

Meeting opened with the flags in place at 6:10. Lynda Buchkowski made motion we dispense with the formal meeting. Luci Kaminski seconded. Motion passed.

Luci Kaminski Champlain read a beginning prayer of our installation .

The pledge of Allegiance and Preamble were recited. Roll call was taken 3 were absent.

We had 15 members present.

We had new members installation:

Marjory Roggenbuck,AshleyStanley, Marcia Griesel,and MarilynGrekowicz,and Karen Ingles

The treasurer report given by Carol Sopczynski . She also gave bingo report . The numbers are still up.

The minutes were read of last meeting by Jane Volmering they were approved as read.

We then had installation of officers for 2023-2024 year.

Lynda Buchkowski and Barb Ayotte gave a report on District meeting.

Bills were submitted they will be approved. Barb Ayotte made motion to pay all bills . Bea Parker seconded.

Carol Sopczynski mentioned that she will be using lap top to keep track of money now for the state . She has internet .

Lynda Buchkowski , Sally Koehn Linda Kociba worked on the standing rules. Linda Kociba read the adjustments . Lynda Buchkowski made motion to accept, and Bea Parker seconded as read.

Two thank you notes were read Isabel Learman for her scholarship she received from us and Jane Volmering for funeral flowers for the death of her husband .

Marjory Roggenbuck suggested we go with the new IRS mileage adjustment. Lynda Buchkowski and Ashley Stanley seconded.

With no further business , the attendance drawing was done. Karen Ingles won it .

Our next meeting Tuesday September 26 at 1 pm . Jane Volmering will supply dessert .

Our chaplain Luci Kaminski, had a closing prayer. Barb Ayotte ended the meeting with an inspiration prayer.

Meeting ended 7:07

Submitted by Jane Volmering Secretary

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

Drawings: \$10.00 Bill Wells

Membership: \$15.00 Erwin Mausolf absent.

50/50 \$41.00 James Leiby. James donated back to the post. Thank you.

**HALL RENTAL**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

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