

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## OCTOBER 2023



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 7:00pm*

### MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 22 members attending. The carter was draped for Tim O'Neil, Darrell Connell, and Ron Badgely. 1st Vice Commander Ken Paulin read Commanders notes as follows. Soup/pie supper well received- Thank you to all Volunteers. Nice representation for funerals. We applied for a grant for siding and lighting improvements. Commander sends his greetings from Europe.

Up coming events Soup and pie dinner not scheduled until November due to other events taking place Sept, and Oct.

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 George Wessell, Motion was approved. Al suggested we move around five thousand funds form the general fund into the building fund motion to do so made by Jim Leiby and seconded by Bill Wells. Al also read a letter of thanks from the Darrell Connell family the family also donated five hundred dollars in memory of Darrell, he will be missed.

Service officer Jim Leiby stated that the Chili cook off will be September 16th and we will make the Chili on the 14th workers should report at 8:00 am both days.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: There will be a home game Friday and will need helpers to raise the flay. Thank you.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther on vacation. Bill Wells reported pray for those in assistant living and long term.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells gave a report on the ticket sales going well we are above our goal but if you still have tickets please turn them in now we will need them at the chili cook off. Bill also stated there will be a committee meeting September 12th at 6:00 pm.

Building committee: Robert Winkle no updates other then we will anchor the new ramp.

Hall rentals will be handled by Al Kleinknecht and Dave Koehn, Al reported that the sign will be updated other then that all going well.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$670.14 in the fund.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 769 to date. Thank you for the updates.

Unfinished business: flag sales Al will handle over until someone can take over. We will look into the cost and disposal of old flags.

New business: The contact information on the raffle tickets will when someone takes it over. The Soup and pie sign was made up at a cost of \$457.8. Dennis Essenmacher made motion 2nd by Carl Siemen to pay for the new signs. Motion carried.

Lunch Committee: For October.

Meeting adjourned at 802pm. Well done 1st Vise Commander.

## 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 Phil Mosses Membership: \$25.00  
Gerald Smith. Absent.

50/50 \$21.00 Dave Koehn.

**HALL RENTAL**

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

**MEMBERSHIP**

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