

# THE LEGIONNAIRE

## NOVEMBER 2023



*BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm*

*MEETING:*

*Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00pm*

### MINUTES OF OCTOBER, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 21 members attending. The commander welcomed the Auxiliary members for coming to our first joint meeting. Other commander comments as follows thanks for handling the meeting last month while he was on vacation. Nice presentation for funerals. Congratulations and thank you to the chili cook off team. At this time commander welcomed a guest from the chamber of commerce who presented Jim Leiby with a plaque for winning the chili cook off City wide. The flag presentations will start October 11<sup>th</sup> at OLLH.

Upcoming events Spaghetti dinner October 21<sup>st</sup> serving from 4-6pm. Veterans dinner November 11<sup>th</sup> Judge Prill will speak at this event. District meeting Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>. Ron and Carl will attend. Next soup and pie will be November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Joint issues open for discussion: Building issues some items were changed due to the Grant being turned down. Areas that need improvement if you have any ideas or issues bring them up to Committee chair person Robert Winkle. It was suggested we have joint meetings with the Auxiliary every quarter or so the members thought this was a good idea the auxiliary members stated they needs help with the bingo and if anyone has knowledge of a vets in need

contact the auxiliary.

The meeting minutes of September 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 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis Essenmacher, Motion was approved. Al mentioned that we will be changing some names on our financial statements.

Service officer Jim Leiby thanked all who helped with the chili cook off also thanked Dave Koehn and his wife for making the wonderful corn bread it went well with the chili.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: There will be a funeral Saturday for James Gerstenschlager. Tim also mentioned that there will be a blood drive October 25<sup>th</sup> and will need help setting up around 11:00am or so and tear down around 6:30pm.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther thanked Bill wells and James Leiby for all they do for our post. Paul also mentioned that Arnold Koehn is not doing well. And Alma Connell also needs your prayers.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells mentioned the spaghetti dinner Oct 25<sup>th</sup> please sigh up. Also there will be a committee meeting Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup> come if you can. Please keep the kitchen organized.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated that mulch was put down around the new ramp and the siding will be power washed when the weather is cooler.

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. For hall rentals please contact Al at 989-551-3503.

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.

## A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

October is almost gone and with it the warm days of summer are also gone. Looking back over the last few months, a lot has been accomplished. The new deck and handicap ramp are in place and the siding issue has been fixed on the East side of the hall. While we still have more to do, but we should be proud of the improvements that have been made to our Post Home.

In addition to the building improvements, there are a number of encouraging things happening in our post. The successful raffles, the community suppers, the number of volunteers and some new members all are positive indicators for our Post. I am especially happy to see the volunteers helping with these events, not only does it help with the work to be done, but it also improves the camaraderie and cohesiveness of the organization. Thank you!

I think our joint meeting with the Auxiliary was a positive step in making all of us feel that we are all part of the same organization.

The Harbor Beach Community School breakfast for Veterans will be Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. It will start at 8:30. Spouses of veterans are welcome as well. This is a great event to honor us as Veterans, so everyone should plan to attend.

I would like to remind everyone about our Veterans Day Dinner and party. This event is open to all veterans and their guests. This year it falls on November 11<sup>th</sup> which is the actual Veterans Day so mark your Calendar and let's make this one special.

As a continuing reminder, we need to convey the message that all Legion mail must have PO Box 9, in the address otherwise the mail is undeliverable.

*Commander Ron Kociba*

## **BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197**

### **American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach**

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#### **May 23,2023 Meeting Notes**

Lynda Buchkowski 1st Vice President opened the meeting at 1pm in absence of President Barb Ayotte excused.

Our Chaplain Luci Kaminski had opening prayer. Bea Parker Sgt-At-Arms had the flags put in place. The Pledge of Allegiance recited by all and the Preamble .

Roll call taken of the officers we had four missing. Nine Auxiliary members were present. The minutes of last meeting read by Jane Volmering Secretary. They were approved as read.

Linda Kociba 2nd Vice President gave the Treasurers report in absence of Sally Koehn our Treasurer excused everything approved as read.

Carol Sopczynski gave Bingo report again doing well. George Wessels came to our aid and fixed a line something in the machine. Thank you, George Wessels of our post.

A bill from our flower/ gift for postage was submitted for postage stamps. Carol Sopczynski made motion we pay the bill and Bea Parker seconded.

A copy of standing rules was passed out by Linda Kociba. We are to read them.

Linda Kubica mentioned the Free breakfast on Wednesday November 8th at the school at 8:30 for Veterans and spouses. There is also a Dinner on Veterans Day November 11 at the post. Tickets are 12.00 start to gather at 5:30 pm

Lynda Buchkowski mentioned at District meeting found out we now support the Chesterfield VA home not Grand Rapids.

Lynda mentioned our Unit received two awards. Participation and Membership. Our quota is 71 members We have a Hero Fund. Discussion about helping a veteran and a family was tabled till next month. Motion made by Luci Kaminski and seconded by Becky Piotrowski.

Our Hero Fund is to be used only for Veterans so we decided to help our Blue Star Mothers. Marge Roggenbuck made motion and Luci Kaminski seconded we give 500.00 to them to use at their discretion.

Jane Volmering made a motion after discussion with Carol Sopczynski to give our post 197 \$1500.00 for

the year and Linda Kociba seconded all approved. Christmas party is at our next meeting. Everyone bring a finger food or dish to pass. Marge Roggenbuck and Lou Lemanski were appointed to shop for our bingo prizes. Jane Volmering made a motion to give Marge Roggenbuck and Lou Lemanski 300.00 to shop prizes / food. Becky Piotrowski seconded  
Lynda Buchkowski mentioned about deceased members in nursing homes or out of state to let her know she needs to send into Districts and State. Drawing attendance Marcia Griessel  
50/50 Marge Roggenbuck  
Luci Kaminski gave closing prayer Our Father  
Dessert by Linda Kociba was served  
Meeting closed at 2:00 pm  
Our next meeting November 28th at 12:00 noon  
Christmas Party

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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Read by the Commander

## **ATTENDANCE DRAWING**

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Not available

## **HALL RENTAL**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP**

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