

THE LEGIONNAIRE

DECEMBER 2023



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 22 members attending. Commander comments as follows. Our post attended the district meeting not much to report. But our post is doing well, also the dues will be going up for year 2025. Thanks to all you volunteer for our activities. Tickets available now for the veterans dinner on 11th of November see Ron Kociba if you need a ticket. The veterans breakfast will be November the 8th at 8:AM and the soup and pie will be November 8th as well, workers please be early. Women's life veterans lunch will be November 11th and the Christmas parade will be December 2nd we will need the honor guard also this year if you are unable to walk in the parade we will provide a ride so that you can still be in the parade.

The meeting minutes of October 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 Dennis Essenmacher, Motion was approved. Al mentioned that we need to remove Gary Erb and Ronald Volmering from Edward Jones account. Recommend we have the following names on the account. Ronald Kociba, Carl Siemen, James Leiby, and William Wells. Motion made by Dennis Essenmacher and 2nd by Dan Lemanski to make the changes, motion carried.

Service officer Jim Leiby no additions.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: No report.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther mentioned that Fred Mutart and Arnold Koehn are in need of our prayers. Paul also asked if anyone is in need of a visit please let him know.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells mentioned that the soup and pie went well, he also has a revised evaluation sheet that will be handed out thanks to all who helped out. We will have a committee meeting at a later date. A sign up sheet was handed out to sign up to help on our next Soup and pie event.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated lights need rework and the siding needs power washing all when weather permits. Please report any building problems to the committee.

Hall rentals will be handled by Al Kleinknecht and Dave Koehn, Al reported that all is going ok have dates signed up for the future.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$660.99 in the fund.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 775 to date. Thank you for the updates.

Old business: Jim Leiby will look into the purchase of a new battery for the raffle bike. Al kleinknecht has taken over the raffle tickets that Ron Volmering was handling.

New business: VFW will have a euchre card game starting at 1pm cost \$10.00. Please attend this event if you can it supports our local veterans. Thanks. Also there will be a veterans breakfast on the 10th at 8:00am at the Ubyly High School.

Lunch Committee: For November Thomas Socia.

Meeting adjourned at 758pm.

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Wow, what a week of Veterans Day activities to honor Veterans. The School Breakfasts, the School Lunch, the Women's Life lunch and of course our Veteran's Day Dinner party that was fun and memorable for all of us.

All of these were wonderful activities that really made us feel appreciated and honored by our communities. It really is great to be part of a community that recognizes and honors the sacrifices and contributions of our Veterans to support of our country and the freedoms we enjoy. I think I speak for all Veterans when I say I was really touched by all of the recognition provided to us, especially by the students in our schools.

Now that the events of Veterans Day are over, the responsibility falls to us as Veterans to act as role models for the citizens and children of our country and community.

On another subject I would like to remind everyone of the Christmas parade in Harbor Beach on December 2nd. We need to be at City Hall by 5:30.

For anyone who cannot march in the parade, Dave Koehn is organizing a seated wagon for Veterans to ride. Dress warm. See you there!

God bless America

Commander Ron Kociba

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197

American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

November Meeting Notes

Meeting opened at 12:00 noon . It was decided to dispense with the formal meeting.

There were 15 members present. Roll call of officers was taken . Two were missing Eloise Breathour and Bea Parker excused .

Minutes read from last meeting by Jane Volmering they were approved as read . Lou Lemanski made motion and Ashley Stanley seconded . Treasurer report given by Sally Koehn . Bingo report given by Carol Sopczynski she mentioned we had 5 Mondays in October so totals were very well . Lou Lemanski gave a quick oral report and concessions are doing great.

Lynda Buchkowski reported on membership we are in the 60's we need to meet our goal we may have it as some pay on line . Goal is 71.

We were back again at old business that was tabled from last month . It was decided we pay two members dues as a Christmas gift and this will remain anonymous . They will be given 300.00 We also decided to give two individual veterans each a 100.00 gift card. It was also decided to give 400.00 in gift cards to the Veterans Affairs in Bad Axe . Lou Lemanski made motion we give total of 1,000 Sally Koehn seconded all approved .

A motion made by Lou Lemanski we give Chesterfield VA Home 500.00 Marge Roggenbuck seconded.

Sally Koehn and Barb Ayotte are going for hometown Christmas gifts to give some to local Auxiliary members. A motion was made by Carol Sopczynski all meetings for the Unit be canceled till March ,winter is here it is hard to have a quorum . All ayes motion carried .

Jane Volmering had read a prayer for our Veterans . Nothing was given for flower /gifts by Luci Kaminski Linda Buchkowski made motion we pay our Bingo chairmen and Linda Kociba seconded.

Barb Ayotte had a closing prayer
The meeting adjourned at 12:50

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Afterwards a hot luncheon was enjoyed and Bingo was played . Prizes were 10.00 Gift certificates to Sandmans Grocery . There was special gifts for everyone with a number draw .
For those who want to be in the Christmas parade on Saturday night at 5:30 there is a wagon for us to ride . It is being provided by George Wessels from the post . Thank you George Next meeting March 26th at 1:00 pm
Submitted by Jane Volmering Unit 197 Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

Read by Commander

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Drawings: \$10.00 Steve Oglenski.

Membership: \$35.00 Bert Mull. Absent.

50/50 \$24.00 Dennis Essenmacher.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership: 136 active 112 PUFL 24.

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