

THE LEGIONNAIRE

JANUARY 2024



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 3rd at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 23 members attending. Commander comments as follows. Veteran give back it was suggested that our post donate one hundred dollars to help a family in need. Motion by James Leiby 2nd by Thomas Socia motion carried also if anyone has knowledge of a veteran in need contact the post. The veteran dinner went well as did the Christmas parade thanks to all who attended the parade and special thanks to Dave koehn, and George Wessels. Just a heads up the dues will go up for the year 2025.

The meeting minutes of November 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 James Leiby, Motion was approved.

Service officer Jim Leiby mentioned that the bike batteries were replaced.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: No report.

Chaplin: Paul Ginther mentioned that he gave Arnold Koehn a visit and he is doing somewhat better. Paul also mentioned that Fred Lorkowski is in long term at Caro and that if anyone can visit our members in long term please do so.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells gave a

report on the annual income from all fundraising projects. Bill also stated that he will have a meeting December 7th at 630pm and that the next soup and pie event will be every other month starting on January 10th from 4:00pm to 6:00 pm. Come to the meeting for more information.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated lights need rework and the siding needs power washing all when weather permits. Committee members may work on items this weekend.

Hall rentals will be handled by Al Kleinknecht and Dave Koehn, Al reported that all is going well December is booked and some dates booked for 2024 as well.

Refreshments: Herb Phelps reported that we now have \$798.64 in the fund. Thanks Herb.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 782 to date. Thank you for the updates as well.

Old business: James Leiby will visit Darrell Connells wife Alma to see if she is in need of anything.

New business: Our post will do an audit in January as well as looking into the posts annual reports that must be turned in annually Carl Siemen will contact members needed to do this. Thomas Socia will have a 50th wedding party on December 17th 1pm at the post members are invited.

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

As the year draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and health and happiness for the New Year.

As we reflect upon what we accomplished this past year, there are some significant highlights. First of all, the new deck and ramp look good and were a great improvement for our hall. Secondly, our financial condition is much improved, thanks to the Auxiliary support and the Fund-raising Committee. Next, we have done a great job of providing Military Honors for several departed Veterans. We also participated in Flag etiquette presentations at our schools as well as a number of school functions like football Flag raising ceremonies.

Of course, we still need to complete some projects around the hall. The remainder of the siding and the outside light replacements are still waiting to be done. There are other projects that need to be added to our list

On a sad note, this year we lost five post members. We will especially miss Ron Volmering and Darrel Connel, because they were long term members that were very active in post activities.

To sum up, we have had highlights as well as losses, this year, but the camaraderie and cohesiveness of our organization will serve to keep our post moving forward.

God bless America

Commander Ron Kociba

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American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

No Meeting until March

CORRESPONDENCE

Read by Commander

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Drawings: \$10.00 Marvin Emming.

Membership: \$35.00 Ervin Mausolf. Absent.

50/50 \$21.00 Ronald Kociba.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership: 136 active 112 PUFL 24.

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FLAG SALES

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