

THE LEGIONNAIRE

MARCH 2024



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2024

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:02 pm with 23 members attending. Commander comments as follows: calendar of upcoming events made up and posted. Work crew will be at our post to clean March 5, 6, 7. Tom Socia and Tim Robinson will handle the lunch, and over see the crew. Commander discussed protocol for leaving the meeting room. Good of the Legion and award opportunities available. The commander will be gone March and April. Vice commander will take over.

The meeting minutes of February 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 dan Lemanski and 2nd by James Leiby, Motion was approved.

Service officer Jim Leiby mentioned that the 2023 history report has been completed. Thank you, Jim. This report is very nice and takes a lot of time to complete. Jim stated that Arnold Presley has three sail boats for sale if anyone would be interested, also we will do the can-to can again on May 4th and will need workers.

Sergeant of arms. Tim Robinson: No updates as of this meeting.

Chaplin: Bill Wells mentioned that he gave Arnold Koehn a visit who is in Sandusky long term. Arnold is

doing ok. Bill also visited long term in Harbor Beach to see member Douglas Donaldson and David Kruger. If anyone needs a visit. Please contact Bill Wells.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells reported that our post will do an e-bike again this year. Bill also has copies of our upcoming fundraising events. Please help out on these events its what keeps the post going. Thank you. Bill.

Building committee: Robert Winkle stated lights were replaced, but one may be too bright looking at perhaps turning it in a different direction will be looking into this. Robert also stated he is working on 2024 upcoming scholarships.

Hall rentals: Al reported that all is going well have many dates for upcoming year booked.

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

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 785 to date. Thank you for all that you do.

Old business: Still working on the audit and will call on members if needed. Jim Leiby ran an updated copy of the By-laws to be signed and filed.

New business: It was reported that Warren Ramsey is in the hospital having some issues. Also Derek Pfuff is undergoing major surgery. Please pray for them. Other new business it was brought up that our post must support the Bad Axe parade this year, also the sheriff is trying to get a fly over. George Wessells reported that bingo is going well increase in players.

Lunch Committee: For March Thomas Socia

Correspondence:

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

As Winter months wear on, we typically get tired of the trees and plants being dormant. Naturally, we look forward to spring and all that comes with it. Plants beginning to grow, trees beginning to bud, all promising a rebirth of the whole landscape.

Similarly, we look to spring as a sort of a rebirth of Legion activities. As I was putting together the list of upcoming events, it underscored just how much we really have happening in the Spring.

One category of things happening are the fundraising activities. These are important in keeping our Post solvent and able to fund many of our community involvement functions.

Fundraising depends on volunteers. So, we will need many of you to give of your time and talents to support these activities. It helps our Post and builds camaraderie and cohesiveness among our Legion members.

Thank you in advance for all of your efforts and help.

God bless America

Commander Ron Kociba

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American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

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CORRESPONDENCE

Read by the commander. Received a thank you note from the Harbor Beach Goodfellows for our donation.

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Drawings: \$10.00 Henrey Holdwick.

Membership: \$40.00.00 Dennis Capling. Absent next month \$50.00.

50/50 \$22.00 Phillip Moses.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership: 136 active 112 PUFL 24.

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FLAG SALES

Please contact Robert Winkle 810-300-9295.

HALL RENTAL

Contact:

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