

THE LEGIONNAIRE

APRIL 2024



BOARD MEETING at 6:30pm

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00pm

MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2024

The meeting opened in proper form at 7:00 pm with 18 members attending. Meeting conducted by first vice commander Ken Paulin. Commander comments as follows; Building issues to keep in mind for Spring. Siding issues North and West sides. Lighting upgrade inside and out (LED). Thanks for handling meeting while I am in a warmer Climate.

The meeting minutes of March were read by the adjutant and were approved as read with one correction as follows the sale boats that Arnold Presley has two are to be given away, and one is for sale. 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 Robert Winkle, Motion was approved.

Service officer Jim Leiby mentioned that the can-to-can is coming up and we will need workers May4th.

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

Chaplin: Bill Wells mentioned that he gave Arnold Koehn a visit. 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 also keep Warren Ramsey in your prayers.

Committee reports: fund raising, Bill Wells reported that the E-bikes will be ordered soon. Tickets are

now on hand see Bill after the meeting. There will be a committee meeting March 12 at 6:30 pm please try to make it. Also have a signup sheet for workers at the can-to-can event May12th at 11:00am the potato soup will be made up on the 3rd. Soup and pie April 10th 4:00pm -6:30pm.

Building committee: Robert mentioned the items above in the commander comments, that need repairs in the Spring. Robert also stated he is working on 2024 upcoming scholarships. Bill Wells and Jamesa Leiby offered to help. Thank you.

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

Refreshments: Al Kleinknecht reported that we still have \$798.64 in the fund.

Cemetery: George Wessels reported we have total of 785 to date.

Old business: Audit completed need trustees to sign.

New business: Still need signatures updated on the By-laws. Donation of \$100.00 made to the Sheriff's work crew motion made by Bill Wells 2nd by Carl Siemen motion approved. Thomas Socia reported that he would like to take over the work crew but needs contact information etc.

Lunch Committee: For April Herd Phelps

Correspondence: Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

Fellow Legionnaires:

Recently I visited a couple of different Veterans Organization buildings. The experiences got me thinking about the image that an organization projects to the community and to visitors to the building.

One of the two halls that I visited had a commanding exterior appearance that looked quite impressive, the other hall looked much less impressive and in need of attention both to the building and signage.

Upon entering, the first things that I noticed was the cleanliness and organization of the building. I can truthfully say that Our Legion Hall is much cleaner and less cluttered than the other two halls that I visited.

The other thing I sensed is how welcome I felt with the members and people present in the building. I wore the same Veteran's hat to both places. One place went out of their way to greet and welcome me. At the other one no one said a word or welcomed me.

This experience made me proud of our building and our post. I think we have made good progress, over the years, to portray a quality appearance to our community and visitors. We still have work to do but we can be proud of what we have.

I think we also are quite welcoming to visitors but I am sure this is something that we all need to keep in mind and be sure all of us make visitors, members and guests feel at home and welcome in our Post.

God bless America

Commander Ron Kociba

BURHANS HAGEDON UNIT 197

American Legion Auxiliary Harbor Beach

Barb Ayotte President opened meeting at 1:03 pm
Tuesday March 26th.

Luci Kaminski Chaplain-said a beginning prayer.
The Pledge Allegiance recited, and the Preamble
read from the wall by the members.

There were 10 members present. Roll call of Officers
was taken.

Jane Volmering, Secretary, read the minutes from
the last meeting in November. Lou Lemanski made
the motion and Bea Parker seconded the minutes as
read.

Carol Sopczynski gave the bingo report she said
they had a good crowd with 46 playing.

Candice Beasley gave the Auxiliary a check from the
Bingo Fund.

Lou Lemanski concessions gave gift certificates for
10.00 each for Easter bingo.

Bill was submitted from Lynda Buchkowski and Barb
Ayotte who attended District meeting by Vassar.

Jane Volmering made a motion to pay bill and Bea
Parker seconded.

Lynda Buchkowski gave a report that there were 8
Units there and 21 members present.

Lynda Buchkowski gave the membership report we
met our goal. We are now at 72.

Lou Lemanski made motion and Carol Sopczyn-
ski seconded we send memorial to our post 197 for
Marge Isler and Shirley Purdy for 25.00 each. We
plan to have our bake sale again during Maritime
festival. We will have our poppy distribution fund at
this time along with the bake sale.

Membership list given to Carol Sopczynski to search
for our new officers.

Drawing for attendance Marlene Martinez
50/50 won by Carol Sopczynski

Marlene Martinez for April dessert

Thank you notes read from Dorothy Lorkowski and
Marlene Martinez

Jane Volmering read closing prayer for our veterans.
Meeting ended 1:54

We will meet again on Tuesday April 22nd at 1:00pm
Submitted by Jane Volmering Secretary

CORRESPONDENCE

Read by 1st vice commander

ATTENDANCE DRAWING

Drawings: \$10.00 Robert Winkle.

Membership: Will be \$60.00.

50/50 \$17.00 James Leiby.

MEMBERSHIP

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FLAG SALES

Please contact Robert Winkle 810-300-9295.

HALL RENTAL

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