

- I. Call to Order at 1908 hours by Past Commander Ed Stash.
- II. Standard Opening Procedures.
- III. Roll Call: Present: PC Stash; Adjutant Duback; Trustee Bob Olson; Member-at-Large Bob Cokley; Sgt-at-Arms/Chaplain/Bingo Chair Bob Cupples; Gaming Chair John Taylor; Bar Manager Jeff Roche; Not present: SrVice Roger Schueler and Service Officer Dave Kennedy, excused, vacations; JrVice Ron Staple, excused, working; Commander Ray Gerkitz; Trustee Ken Donnelly-excused, sister passed; Trustee Tom Przybyla; Judge Advocate Joe Navarro, and Past Commander Jim Nanouski, excused, sick. Members present: Tony Roudebush; Jerry Sexton; Daryle Peters. Ten present = Quorum achieved.
- IV. Typed Minutes presented; no changes. Motion/waive reading Cokley; 2nd, Sexton. Passed(U)
- V. Committee Reports
 - A. John Taylor: for Service Officer Kennedy: Helped one veteran last month, \$235. Loose change donations on box toward Veterans Home = \$186.58. Current balance = \$10,108.50. John Taylor: Pull Tabs: Video machines: Bingo: Building Fund: We paid \$3,908.73 for the upstairs lights replacement. The lighting fixtures were free, but this amount was for the installation labor. The benefit is that our light bill has been greatly reduced, with the upgrade. Balance: \$1,874.61. Motion to accept by Bob Cupples; 2nd, Tony Roudebush. Pass (P) Unanimously (U)
 - B. Jeff Roche, Bar. Motion/accept by John Taylor; 2nd Daryle Peters. Passed (U)
- VI. Sick call: Past Commander Jim Rissman is recovering from his stroke issues. His spirits and good humor are evident, but he has a long recovery period. Keep him in your prayers.
- VII. John Duback: Membership: Propose one new and one transfer in: 1. New: Mark Rice, Navy, Grenada/Lebanon; 2. Transfer in from 2910: Marion Menges Jr. Motion to accept by Bob Olson; 2nd, Jerry Sexton. Pass (U) Current renewals are 562/645 = 87.13%
- VIII. New Business
 - A. The Ottawa Memorial Association Memorial Day Committee will meet here on Tuesday March 13th at 7:00 PM. Help needed.
 - B. Joe Tokarz sent us a reminder that veterans can get free tickets to the Museum of Science and Industry.
 - C. Our Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) will have a Chicken Fry on Saturday, February 10th from 4 to 7 pm.
 - D. Honor Guard Team breakfast (self-paid) will be on Wed., Feb. 7th at the Oasis at 9 AM.
 - E. Donation request (D.R.) from the Children's Wish Network; Finance Officer Ron Slafer noted that we gave \$50 last year. So moved/Cokley; 2nd, Daryle Peters. Passed (U)

- F. Flyer received from Michael Gladd at Ottawa VFW Post 33, noting that the Vietnam Wall will be on display in Ottawa June 7-11th. It will be at the UAW area on Ottawa's south side. Daryle Peters amplified some details; much help is needed. It will be under the umbrella of "The LaSalle County Veterans Tribute Group" and run through the office of

the LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission. Fundraising support is needed and acknowledged by many star levels. The next committee meeting will be Thursday, February 15th at Noon. Hopefully, we can alternate meetings in the future. A Liaison will be decided at a future meeting. D.R.: The Executive Board approved a \$500 donation to this project. So moved by John Taylor; 2nd by Bob Cupples. Under discussion, Bob Cokley motioned to increase the amount to \$750; 2nd, Bob Cupples. Passed (U)

- IX. Chaplain Bob Cupples: Departed Members/Veterans: 1. Phyllis Tabor 2. Dan James 3. Don McCullough 4. Bruce Neff 5. John Bietto. With prayers.
- X. Standard Closing Procedures. Prayers by Chaplain Cupples.
- XI. Adjourn at 1947 Hours

Drawings: #047 Bob Olson
#260 Dave Kennedy, Absent