

Minutes Regular Meeting Ottawa American Legion Post 33 Monday, November 07, 2022

- I. Called to Order by Commander Tom Przybyla at 1912 Hours. Standard Opening Ceremonies. Prayer by Ed Stash.
- II. Roll Call: All present except: Chaplain/Bingo Bob Cupples; Trustee Brent Schueler (sick); Past Commander Ray Gerkitz. 15 present plus Bar Manager = Quorum.
- III. Prepared Minutes reviewed. Motion/Waive Reading by Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Kennedy. Passed (U)
- IV. Membership, Duback: 1. Ron Tardio Sr transferred in; introduced and told about self. New Members: 2. D. Foster 3. J. Noonan 4. M. McNall 5. H. Gottberg. Motion to approve by Jerry Sexton; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Cokley. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- V. Committee Reports
  - A. F.O. Ron Slafer: Bingo had a gain. Paid out quarterly taxes and a donation. W/Balance.
  - B. Building Fund: Payment out to ADT for replacement equipment. W/Balance.
  - C. General Fund: Hank Walsh fundraiser donation placed here. \$2k out for Utilities.
  - D. Honor Guard. Large amount out to pay for new blue sportscoats for the team. Tenderloins showed profit for month; w/balance stated. Observations: The “all accounts” balance previously stated will not be included in the monthly report, but will remain available to see in the office for any paid-up member to see. This is because at last meeting, gossip was spread around the bar about the amount, but people don’t see the budget set-asides for our bills, repairs, and annual needs. Motion to accept Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Kennedy. Passed (U)
  - E. Bar Manager Jay Hamalle: Positive income for the month. Balance stated. Question: Stash-Review showed only \$20 in hat sales, but we know it is more than that. Why? Many put it under Miscellaneous sales. Motion to accept by Slafer; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cokley. (P) (U)
  - F. Slafer, Gambling: Pull Tabs-positive for month. License fee paid out. W/balance. Video: Positive for month; w/balance stated. Motion/accept: Ron Tardio Jr; 2<sup>nd</sup> Olson. (P) (U)
  - G. Service Officer Dave Kennedy: Payments out were for Suicide Prevention; a vet in need; Vigil support. Balance stated. Motion to accept by Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sexton. Passed (U)
- VI. Sick Call: Bob Cupples; Brent Schueler; Dennis Shaunnessey.
- VII. Old Business
  - A. Matt Weaver: Ramp painted on east porch, with Grip strips added. Thanks to Jay Sinda for getting us the needed Grip strips donated. Matt and his daughters painted.
  - B. Duback: Thanks to all for your support for our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Vigil!
- VIII. New Business
  - A. Ed Stash introduced that he has been working on an Audit Report for the post. The participants: himself; SrVice Weaver; F.O. Ron Slafer; our accountant Chris Fleming, and Trustee Tom Shea. Gave overview of topics covered, departments reviewed, and recommendations: Unified computer system for all departments. Maintain yearly audits with perhaps quarterly review. Invest in our own point-of-sale (bar) cash register system. Use Quicken Books. Tweak certain areas for greater accountability: i.e., we know we sold more than \$20 in hats. Overall, we are in pretty good shape. Motion to accept this new approach by Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Slafer. Passed Unanimously.

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IX. Correspondence

- A. Donation Request (D.R.): Auxiliary Request that we supply two bikes for the Children's Christmas Party, one each boy/girl. E-Board approved. Motion by Bob Olson; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerry Sexton. Passed (U)
- B. D.R.: Four Chaplains Memorial. E-Board approved. Motion of \$150 Bob Cokley; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Olson. Passed (P) Unanimously (U)
- C. D.R. from Department of Illinois America Legion, Jim Talaska, toward Florida Legions for Hurricane Ian relief. E-Board approved. Motion of \$300 by Ed Stash; 2<sup>nd</sup> Olson. (P) (U)
- D. Thank You (T.Y.) received from the Department of Illinois "Gifts to the Yanks Who Gave" (GTTYWG" program for veterans in nursing homes at Christmas) for our donation.
- E. Annual Ad/Veterans Day, The Times: ordered.
- F. Weekly membership report reviewed.
- G. T.Y. from Operation Firm Handshake for our donation.
- H. Trustees: bids for snow renewal being sought. First one rejected by E-Board.
- I. Invitation from Marseilles Legion Post 0235 to participate in their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Veterans Breakfast and supper fundraiser event on Saturday, Nov.12<sup>th</sup>. Flag Raising at 8am followed by breakfast (free for veterans), music, and raffles throughout the day. There will be appetizers and a meal from 4-6 pm (again, free for vets).
- J. Mayor Aussem and his team are sponsoring a free breakfast for veterans on Sunday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at VFW Post 2470, from 8-10 am. (We will have an event in the spring.)
- K. Ottawa Memorial Association (OMA) will have ceremonies on Veterans Day: 9:30am at the Vietnam Plaza Memorial, and 10:30 am at the War Memorial in Washington Square. The courtesy meal will be at the VFW Post 2470 (the rain location, also) afterward.
- L. Honor Guard team also has a 7am event at the Sunrise Rotary Group at Trinity Lutheran Church, with a Funeral Duty immediately after the OMA ceremony in Washington Square. (Also, a new Flag Pole Dedication ceremony at Walmart at 1:00pm.)

X. Closing prayer by Ed Stash.

XI. Standard Closing Procedures

XII. Adjournment at 1949 Hours

Drawings	#623	Chuck Sanders
	#458	Robert Stencil, absent