Minutes of

Compiled by: Larry Throndson Date: October 13, 2020 Time Convened: 7:02 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa

Attendance: 9 Officers: 4 Members: 5 Adjourning: 8:10 PM

The American Legion

Meeting was called to order by Commander Troy Andersen. Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in opening prayer. Pledge of Allegiance and Preamble to the Constitution was said by all.

Minutes of the meeting dated September 08, 2020 was distributed to the members. Motion by Rick Pierce to accept the minutes, 2nd by Mike Coleman and approved by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Tim Cunningham setup a money market account at Veridian Credit Union in September. Motion by Roger Frederick to accept the financial report as read, 2nd by Rick Pierce, voted and approved by all present.

Flag Essay: Joe Helle stated that he contacted the schools. They have a rule has far as no visitors or volunteers in the schools. A couple of the schools suggested an online conference call (ZOOM). After further discussion we decide to cancel the flag essays for this year.

Avenue of Flags: Larry Throndson stated Rick Pierce and Larry Throndson installed three new sockets because of the damage from the thunderstorm (Derecho). There was another installation because they moved. There also was one socket what was fixed because it was leaning to the right. We received a check for renewal in 2021. We also received a check for renewal for 3 years (2021, 2022, and 2023). The next Flag Day is November 11, 2020 (Veterans Day). We will put up flags out at 7:00 AM and take them down 3:30 PM. Might have to change the starting time? Motion by Joel Kessler to raise our price on the flags for first flag to $40.00 and any additional flags is $25.00, 2nd by Kenny Jones and approved by all present. The $40.00 will start when the new form is sent out.

Building: Rick Pierce stated that the adding on an addition to the building is cancelled for this year. Kenny Jones stated that the cost of materials went up 25% and he told Matt Eilers that we will hold off this year. Rick Pierce has not hear from the roofers, but he will call them at the end of the week and see if they can give us an estimate on when they will start. Lots of delays because of the Derecho storm. Tim Cunningham stated that same guy is going to do his roof and he told Tim that it would be January before he could start. Rick Pierce replaced the lock on the front door. Rick stated that he let the VA use our building. On Wednesday and Thursday from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM. On Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Rick also let the Red Cross use it for a blood drive on October 12, 2020. He also told them that they could use it only on Monday and Tuesday. They will have to let him know if they want to use it in advance.

Website: Mike Coleman stated the new phase 5 package has not been installed yet. There has been an increase of 3 times the traffic on the web site. The most significant amount of traffic is 45 years and under. The most popular traffic is 1st main page, 2nd bingo, 3rd building rental, and 4th is flags.

Membership: Tim Cunningham state that there is just a trickle (1 or 2 renewals at a time). You can also renew online.

Sick Call: Rick Pierce stated that Jack Sexton died of COVID-19. We need to make a tag for him. He was able to go on the Honor Flight last fall. His visitation is October 17, 2020 from noon to 1:00 PM. Social distance and mask is required. Troy Andersen stated that there is another person who passed away a while back. Her name was Ellen Hach who lived in Lancaster, New York. Not sure if she is still a member of the post. Kenny Jones was able to visit his daughter today. She has been in the hospital for 8 weeks on October 14, 2020. She's in physical therapy and she is improving.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tim Cunningham stated wanted to know who to pay the $100.00 to. Rick Pierce that it should be paid to Palo Volunteer Fire Department is. Rick Pierce and Troy Andersen went to the disposal of the flags. We had 11 barrels of flags. Palo did a good job in burning the flags.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Cunningham stated that we should start thing about helping others. Troy Andersen agreed and Troy suggested to start by looking into creating other fund raisers.

We received a note from the Red Cross thanking us for hosting their blood drive.

Troy Andersen stated that Bob Jones suggested that we should send someone to the Metro Veterans Council meeting. Joel Kessler volunteered to go to the meeting on 10/14/20 at 6:00 PM. This will take place at Veterans Memorial Colosseum on the 4th floor.

Motion by Rick Pierce to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Cunningham, and approved by all present.

Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M. by Commander Troy Andersen.