

The American Legion Minutes

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: March 09, 2021 Time Convened: 7:05 PM
Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa
Attendance: 8 Officers: 4 Members: 4 Adjourning: 7:55 PM

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

GUESTS: Christopher Tauber from Eagle Scouts. He is working on an Eagle Scout project of building and donating memorial flag boxes. He brought in 6 flag boxes for us. He goes to McKinley school. He had a lot of volunteers. He built a total of 25 boxes. The cost to build them was expensive. Motion by Kenny Jones to give a donation of \$200.00 to troop 28 (Boy Scouts), 2nd by Rick Pierce, voted and approved by all present. WE all thanked him for building the flag boxes.

Minutes of the meeting dated February 09, 2021 was distributed to the members. Motion by Joe Helle to accept the minutes, 2nd by Kenny Jones and approved by all present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. No changes from last month. The sales tax should be moved from March to February. Motion by Joe Helle to accept the financial report with a change for the sales tax, 2nd by George Letson, voted and approved by all present.

Flag Essay: No Report

Avenue of Flags: Larry Thronson stated that there are 4 new and 6 renewals for a total of 10 and 11 flags. The flyer will be sent out next week. We have over 100 sockets.

Building: Rick Pierce stated that he will check with Nesper Sign Company? Tim Cunningham stated that the sign is really heavy and we might need a lighter sign?

Weapons: No Report

Website: Mike Coleman was absent. He sent an email to Troy Andersen with the following updates:

Rolling 3-month metrics (Dec 2020 - Feb 2021 compared to Sep 2020 - Nov 2020)

- Users have increased 4%
- Total sessions increased 22%
- Duration of users staying on the site increased 33%

It appears we have developed a stable population of visitors to the site and they are finding information of interest.

Minutes are up to date on the site, as are the upcoming events on the main page.

I created and posted a short (1 minute) video to solicit applications for the scholarship.

Posted to web and social media.

I also updated the scholarship submission method by adding

the legionpost735@gmail.com email address emailing in their package. I figure kids are more used to electronic methods than hard copies, so we should offer them that option.

If any are submitted that way, I will get them printed out and turned in for the panel.

Membership: Rick Pierce stated that we got one new member. His name is John Schwendeman.

Scholarship Program: Tim Cunningham stated that we have not received any submissions yet. April 15, 2021 is the deadline for the scholarship.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer: No Report

Sick Call: Dick Olmstead is in the hospital and not doing well. He has cancer all through his body now.

Troy Andersen stated that we received a thank you note from Lynn Schroth (Dale's wife). She thanked us for sending a plant for Dale's funeral.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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Mock Group had their trial and did well and advanced to the next round. The next trial will be March 10, 2021 (ZOOM).

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Tim Cunningham stated that he has not heard anything from the women's Auxiliary about their extra money they have in the bank. Tim Cunningham's suggestion would be to donate the Scholarship Program? Troy Anderson's suggestion would be to help us put up the American Legion signed?

Joe Helle stated that he received the Citizenship award medallion. Joe Helle made contact with Kennedy School and their committee is working on picking out the kid. They will let Joe Helle know when they got the kid.

Mike Cole stated in his email the following:

The Warrior baseball team is fully registered. Practices begin this week (March 9th) at Washington High School. The Legion coaches will have only a few practices to evaluate and make selections for the roster. The Washington High School baseball coach is going to provide his input on players who should make the roster. The New jerseys are on order. A screenshot of the order is below - red, white and blue are the colors and the design reflects a strong America theme. Pants will be what they wear for high school (white, red piping, red belts) and shoes should be either red or white.

NEW BUSINESS:

Hy-Vee Reusable Bag Program:

American Legion Post 735 has been selected by local Hy-Vee store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Reusable Bag Program!

For the month of April 2021, American Legion Post 735 will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" Bag at the Hy-Vee store located at Hy-Vee 5050 Edgewood Road NE, Cedar Rapids IA.

Kenny Jones stated that he is on the planning and zoning committee. A company will building a four story building on the north side of our building. They will start in June 2021. There will be business on the bottom and apartments above.

CORRESPONDECE: The Davidson family that received the Christmas donation sent us a thank you note. Signed by the whole family.

CLOSING:

Motion by Joe Helle to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by George Letson, and approved by all present.

Substitute Chaplain Larry Thronson led the post in a closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM by Commander Troy Andersen.