

The American Legion Minutes

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: April 12, 2022

Time Convened: 7:03 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735

Department of Iowa

Attendance: _8_ Officers: 4 Members: 4

Adjourning: 8:03 PM

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

GUESTS: None

Minutes of the meeting dated March 8, 2022 was distributed to the members. Motion by Joel Kessler to accept the minutes, 2nd by Kenny Jones and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Motion by Roger Frederick to accept the financial report as read, 2nd by Troy Andersen, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Flag Essay: No Report

Avenue of Flags: Larry Thronson stated that there are 442 subscription, 470 flags, 45 new and \$18,765. Need to make more copies of the form. We will install new ground sockets, locating existing sockets, painting lines on the curb, and driving routes to make sure they make sense. This will take place on April 25, 26, and 27, and we will meet at 9:00 AM.

Building: Kenny Jones stated that the company that they are not calling back workers yet (to cold). They will be over the week of April 25th. Joel Kessler stated that he got estimates on the racks and ramps. One estimate was \$1500.00 for a rack. The second estimate was for a rack (6' high and 30" wide) with four decks at \$820.00 + \$70.00 for the 4 inch wheels = \$890.00. Tim Cunningham stated that we don't need racks yet. We will decide later. Joel Kessler stated that a 32 ¾" long and 34" wide aluminum ramp with aluminum braces will cost \$151.00 a piece (need 2). Prices for aluminum ramps very

from \$90.00 to \$151.00. Tim stated that we do not need to make a decision now, because it is covered in our budget. We can always modify the budget if need be.

Weapons: No Report

Website: Mike Coleman stated that he will be absent. Mike Coleman gave us an email with the following: The site is up-to-date. Mike Coleman is still continuing to push as much content and happenings as possible. Maintaining good visitor numbers

Membership: Tim Cunning stated that he received one renewal from Jerry Kaiser. Joe Helle stated that he had a couple of request to become members of our post. One has moved to our area and wants to join the American Legion. Second one is a member of the VAW and wants to join the American Legion

Scholarship Program: Mike Coleman stated that no new scholarship applications have been submitted online. Received one from Oliva Scott.

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer: No Report

Sick Call: Richard (Dick) Larson passed away. Rick Pierce took care of sending flowers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mike Coleman stated that the baseball team is 3-1, with 5 other games rained out over the last 3 weeks. We recently played 2 games against Dubuque County, lost game 1 and beat those game 2. We have a home game Friday at Washington High School (5:30 pm) against Post 1976 (North Liberty Jr) and a non-Legion doubleheader on Saturday at Jefferson (11 am).

Mike Coleman stated that the Oratorical contest Nationals) is coming up April 23rd & 24th. Go Olivia!

NEW BUSINESS:

The Annual Hiawatha Police K9 Unit golf outing. This will be at Hunters Ridge golf course. Sunday August 7, 2022. More details to follow.

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The Shiners golf outing. This will be at Wildcat golf course. Sunday July 10, 2022. More details to follow.

Motion by Joel Kessler to sponsor two teams for the Shriners golf outing July 10, 2022 and two teams for the Hiawatha K9 golf outing and one whole sponsorship, 2nd by Kenny Jones, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Joe Helle stated that Earth Day is coming up on April 23, 2022 at 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM. Joe Helle, Kenny Jones and Larry Thronson volunteered to work Earth Day. Show up at 8:30 AM.

Joe Helle stated that the American Legion officers were in the Insight for volunteering.

Joe Helle stated that will be an Honor flight a week from today (4/19/22) at the airport.

Randi Blair stated that she would try to get help for the Avenue of Flags Holidays.

Joe Helle stated that we were offered information to buy our building. We would like to have a new building built. We had a discussion and decided that the offer was not good enough. We decided not to sell yet.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NONE

CLOSING:

Motion by Roger Frederick to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Kenny Jones, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM by Commander Joe Helle.