

# The American Legion Minutes

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: September 13, 2022 Time Convened: 7:02 PM

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa

Attendance: \_11\_ Officers: 4 Members: 7 Adjourning: 7:43 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:** John Nolan who is a new member and who served in the Marine Corp.

Minutes of the meeting dated August 9, 2022 was distributed to the members. Motion by Rick Pierce to accept the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Coleman, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Finance Report:** Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Motion by Mike Coleman to accept the financial report as read, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Troy Andersen, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

**Flag Essay:** Joe Helle stated that he has to check with the schools to see if we are able to enter the school this year?

**Avenue of Flags:** Larry Thronson stated that we received one more flag for 2022 (\$16.00). This brings the total to 826. Also we received one flag for 2023. Motion by Tim Cunningham to change the flags on Memorial Day and Labor Day to put the flags out on Friday night and take them down on Monday night, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joel Kessler, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote. We can also can put the flags up on Friday night and take down the flags on Monday night for any holidays on Monday.

**Building:** Kenny Jones stated the he has the inspection report for the building which needs to be filed. Tim Cunningham asked if the dirt around the garage has been done. Kenny Jones said that it is done and it cost \$40.00. Joe Helle stated that the painting will be started. The painter will fill in the cracks and holes. He will also spray the ceiling. There will be two coats of paint on the walls. He will not do the office, kitchen, and

storage room. Joe Helle stated that he has two bids for the job. First bid is by Certa Painters with a cost of \$5,106.80. The second bid is by Todd Halverson with a cost of \$3,775.00. He said that it would take about a week. Motion by Mike Coleman to accept the second bid for \$3,775.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Pierce, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

**Weapons:** No Report.

**Website:** Mike Coleman stated that the website is up to date. The most popular pages are (1) Main Page, (2) Flag Disposal (3) Contact, (4) Post Rental and (5) Bingo.

**Membership:** Gerry Kaiser was absent. Gerry Kaiser gave us a report: Larry Thronson read the report: As of Sunday morning, our post has had 52 renewals out of 91 active members. This is about where we were during the last several years, so I am not surprised. I also have move John Kriz into the deceased section of my spreadsheet, so he is not counted as active member.

**Scholarship Program:** No Report

## **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**Post Service Officer:** No Report

**Sick Call:** Roger Fredrick had COVID-19 but he is better now. Rick stated that Ruth Pierce and Rick Pierce had COVID-19 while on vacation in Europe. They are better now.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mike Coleman stated that he contacted the coaches for Marion Post 298 baseball team on having them join us to sponsor the Legion State Baseball Championship next year. Marion post was good with it. Joe Helle stated that this should not cost us anything. The state director should have a budget for it. Mike Coleman stated they would like to decide before baseball starts. It would be better to do it in the spring instead of the fall. Most baseball players are burned out in the fall. They are hoping that this could be decide by Halloween?

Kenny Jones stated that the Christmas dinner will have: roast beef, chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, roll and butter. There will be wine and beer. The dinner is on September 30, 2022. Social at 5:30 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. 56 people have signed up. The cost is \$15.95 a plate. Need reservations in by September 20, 2022.

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Rick Pierce stated that he has 12 or 13 military tribute banners now. He is still trying to contact people to get the banners. Tim has two request for banners and he will give them to Rick Pierce. The will be displayed from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. They will be displayed for two years. After the second year they will be given the banner to the honoree or applicant...

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Joe Helle stated that on September 20, 2022 will need members to come out to the Cedar Rapids airport to welcome back the Honor Flight members. We will have 4 members to go on the Honor Flight. The 4 members are: Larry Thronson, Rick Pierce, Randy Rentschler and Don Janda. The parking is free for those who attend.

Joe Helle state that the Hiawatha kids league has shirts from last year that was print in error. Anybody that wants one can pick it up.

## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

NONE.

## **CLOSING:**

**Drawing:** \$10.00 Gift card from Scott's Restaurant. Winner was: Kenny Jones

Motion by Tim Cunningham to adjourn the meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Coleman, and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM by Commander Joe Helle.