

The American Legion Minutes

Second District

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: June 11, 2024 Time Convened: 7:02 PM
Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa
Attendance: _10_ Officers: 4 Members: 6 Adjourning: 7:38 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. Commander Joe Helle read a statement that we learned from the Linn County meeting: A POW and MIA empty chair is placed at all official meetings of The American Legion. As a physical symbol of the many American POW and MIA still on account from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder for all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity and the repatriation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing. Let us rededicated ourselves to this vital endeavor.

GUESTS:

Joe Helle called up Sean Steinbrech from Cedar Rapids Prairie High School and Ava Dufoe from Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School to receive a scholarship. Each scholarship was for \$750.00.

New member Don Cline who was in the Army. He served 13 years in the military service and reserves. He transferred from Wisconsin to our post.

Minutes of the meeting dated May 14, 2024 was distributed to the members. One correction was made to the minutes. Motion by Tim Cunningham to accept the minutes, 2nd by George Letson 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 Joel Kessler and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Flag Essay: Joe Helle stated that Isaac Long who represented the post got 5th place in the District. He received a check for \$50.00 from the District.

Avenue of Flags: Joe Helle stated that July 4th Flag Day we put the flags up at 6:00 PM on July 3rd and take down at 5:00 PM on the July 7th. Larry Thronson stated that we have 984 flags. Joe Helle stated that we might get the Knights of Columbus to help.

Building: No Report

Weapons: No Report

Website: No Report

Membership: Joe Helle stated that the cost will be \$45.00 to renew in July 2024. This is what Nationals charge. Joe Helle stated that you can go online and pay \$120.00 for 3 years (\$40.00 each) before July 1st. Larry Thronson stated that he received the information and cards for renewal. He will give them to Gerry Kaiser.

Scholarship Program: No Report

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer (No Post Service Officer)

Sick Call: Rick Pierce will be going to the doctor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Nomination of officers as follow: Motion by Roger Frederick to nominate Joe Helle for Commander, 2nd by Tim Cunningham and it was subsequently approved by all. Motion by Troy Andersen to nominate Mike Coleman for Vice Commander, 2nd by Joel Kessler and it was subsequently approved by all. Motion by Joel Kessler to nominate Larry Thronson for Adjutant, 2nd by Tim Cunningham and it was subsequently approved by all. Motion by Roger Frederick to nominate Tim Cunningham for Finance Officer, 2nd by Joel Kessler and it was subsequently approve by all. Motion by Roger Frederick to nominate Bill Schaffer for Sargent of Arms, 2nd by Troy Andersen and it was subsequently approve by all. Motion by Troy Andersen to nominate Gerry Kaiser for Membership Chairman, 2nd by Roger Frederick and it was subsequently approved by all. We will vote on July 9th 2024 for the nominated officers. We will install the officers on August 13, 2024

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Joe Helle stated that we get a lot of flags to burn. We will take them to Wilbert's Crematorium for disposal.

Joe Helle got a call from the District about where the SAL Charter is. Joe asked Troy Andersen (past Commander) but he didn't remember. The District commander called and stated that we have not turned in any names for the past five years. District wants the paper charter back. Joe Helle asked Rick Pierce.

Larry Thronson stated that he turned in the Consolidated Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Helle stated that the Annual Hiawatha Police K9 Unit golf outing is set for August 4th 2024. More information to come out. Tim Cunningham stated that the Shriner's Golf tournament will be July 6th, 2024 further information to follow.

Joe Helle asked for a check (\$50.00) for the Hiawatha kids treats.

Joe Helle stated that the parking lot will get a new sealing and that the Eagle Scouts will paint all the lines.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

CLOSING:

Drawing: Gift Card from Scott's Restaurant _____
Winner was: Joe Helle_____

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Bob Sprengeler to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Cunningham and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Chaplain Joel Kessler led the post in a closing prayer.

Commander Joe Helle read the closing statement: Till we meet again lets us remember our obligation to our country can be fulfilled only by faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let serves the community, State and Nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion and its members. Let us be ever watchful of the honor of our country, our organization and ourselves that nothing small swerve us away from the path of Justice, Freedom and Democracy.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM by Commander Joe Helle.