

The American Legion Minutes

Second District

Compiled by: Larry Thronson Date: December 10, 2024 Time Convened: 7:03 PM

Approved by: _____ Post No: 735 Department of Iowa

Attendance: _10_ Officers: 3 Members: 7 Adjourning: 7:48 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:

The guests are scouts Jay Cash, Crystal Davis, Matt Siebert. John Bloodgood who is with Post 679. Pack 39 meets at Kenwood right now is looking for charter sponsor. They gave us a little bit of information on being a charter sponsor. Dave Coleman gave us an overview of the boy's scout's charter system that works. They have 23 kids with pack 39. They will need an active charter representative.

Minutes of the meeting dated November 14, 2024 was distributed to the members. Motion by Mike Coleman to accept the minutes, 2nd by Roger Frederick and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Report: Tim Cunningham read and explained the financial report. Motion by Joel Kessler to accept the financial report as read, 2nd by Rick Pierce and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Flag Essay: Joe Helle stated that he will be going to schools to pick up the essays on Friday December 13, 2024.

Avenue of Flags: No Report

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Building: No Report

Weapons: No Report

Website: Mike Coleman stated that the website is up to date. Mike Coleman stated that the most popular pages are: (1) Bingo (2) Avenue of Flags (3) Building Rental (4) Post Officers (5) Contact Us.

Membership: No Report.

Scholarship Program: No Report

OFFICER REPORTS:

Post Service Officer: No Post Service Officer

Sick Call: Joe Hele stated that Kenny Jones and Roger Fredrick are back which is good. Joe Helle stated that Ted mercer passed away on December 7, 2024. Tom Lage handle the flowers for us.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

New BUSINESS:

Joe Helle asked what we thought about the Boy Scouts request. Rick Pierce stated that we will need an active charter representative. Joe Helle ask what we thought about the scouts using the building. During the week there are very few rentals. Joe Helle asked if we are going to pay \$70.00 for the adult member for Pack 39. Joe Helle volunteered to be the active charter representative. Motion by Rick Pierce to sponser Pack 39 Cub scouts, 2nd by Sandy Harter Pierce and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

Rick Piece stated that Hiawatha will be coming out with the February military banners. The banners are \$125.00 for two years. They give you the banners after two years.

Joe Helle state that the Oratorical contest was on December 10, 2024 and the girl we sponsored finish second. Joe Helle stated that the judges were really fair this year. There was a total of 3 girls. One girl sponsored by Palo, one girl was sponsored by Hiawatha and one girl was sponsored by Marion (won – Divya Ramadugu). Rick Pierce

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made a motion to give Toi Paga \$100.00 for finishing second in the Oratorical, 2nd by George Letson and it was subsequently approved by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE.

CLOSING:

Drawing: Gift Card from Scott's Restaurant _____
Winner was: Joel Kessler

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Roger Frederick to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Bill Schaffer 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 7:48 PM by Commander Joe Helle.