July 30, 2019

Meeting called to order 19:00

Invocation

In attendance – Jeff Jones, Loren Foged, Dave Harrig, Dan Klaumann, Dan Cherveny, Roger Wegner, Tim Gilligan, Don Klaumann, Gary Pelan, & Cindy Mefford

Minutes read from June but not approved yet

Installation of new officer – Cindy Mefford

Finance report presented and approved

Sick call – Bob Koster is at Lakeside

Post Service Officer – None

Unfinished Business

* Gretna Days parade – good turn out
* Volunteers for float did well; miscommunication on flags we have, so borrowed from the Riders.
* Ladies auxiliary was misspelled on banner & has been fixed.
* Overall went well but would like to see more people on the float (only had about 10).
* Auxiliary, Sons, Riders & Legion members were all represented. Hometown Heroes got big applause.
* Cathy & Lindsey handed out 200 flags afterwards.
* Riders – had 8 Riders with State liaison & Ashland Chapter members.
* Need “no parking” signs for our lot before parade
* No electricity over poles in hall (open)
* Shirts were ordered (closed)

New Business

* Legion is registered for Sarpy Co Fair.
* SAL would like to move flag burn pit to center of yard. Voted to oppose. (closed)
* 11 storage garages broken into. Broken gate was repaired & 50 remote controls purchased. As contracts are renewed, remotes will be issued with a $50 deposit. Remotes record time/date of access.
* Better security cameras will be a future purchase.
* Insurance covered cost of the break in.
* Tax increase on value of property of 35-39% plus we charge half the rate for storage units that our two neighbors charge. Motion made to increase the monthly rate to $100 or $1100 for the year. Motion carried. (closed)
* Plan to put money into cleaning up area around storage garages (weeds, etc)
* Looking for concrete parking blocks to protect our neighbor’s building. (open)
* Ordered 500 kolaches but sold only about half.
* Military vehicles convoy & civilian group from Iowa estimated to arrive Sun. Aug. 25 about 5pm. Their preference is no sit down dinner, no speaker. Will serve things like sloppy joes, pulled pork, hamburgers & hotdogs.
* Support vehicles will park in South lot; convoy vehicles in North lot (may put lighter vehicles on the grass).
* Put barricades in front of storage garage gate so renters can have access.
* Street flags – we have 37 flags. Was proposed to put up 1st week of July & take down after Gretna Days. Tim thought the City put up & took down flags in other towns. (tabled)
* Try joint effort to keep flags untangled. Suggested that we do a sign up roster (like for mowing the lawn).
* 4th of July – only had 10 helpers to take down flags at 5pm which took a long time & became a mess. Suggested that we do not put up the flags at all or just the front ones. (open)
* Motion made to donate $75 for Gifts for Yanks Who Gave. Motion approved.

Legion Riders

* Haven’t found a Director yet. Don will stay on until the convoy has come & gone. If no one volunteers by then, the Chapter may fold. Currently have about 12 members. (open)
* Money raised from TV raffle ($1000) was donated to VA home for the residents.

Adjutant

* Currently have about 35% of our members renewed.

Facility Rental Manager

* Discussion on a wedding in July where bride had seizure & reception ended. Couple asked for discount to rebook. Groom is an active duty serviceman. Motion made to charge just for bartender & security & donate hall rental. Motion approved.
* Quilting Club with IA/NE members want to know rate for 3 days & nights. Concern their machines may use a lot of electricity & dates that won’t interfere with other events at the Legion. (tabled)

There was a discussion on how to improve membership and participation.

Benediction

Meeting adjourned 20:36. Next meeting is August 27 at 1900.