January 26, 2021

Meeting called to order 19:02.

In attendance – Members of District 8, Scott Heitman, Evan Peters, Chad Dzingle, Bill Schwarten, Kathy Mazur, Latrice J\_\_\_\_?, Dave Harrig, Loren Foged, Lloyd Lemke, Tim Gilligan, George Jahn, Bill Ellingrud & Cindy Mefford.

Invocation by George Jahn.

District 8 Commander talked about the convention on Feb. 13th to be held at Post 216. There is a $10 charge for entry & lunch. Auxiliary will prepare lunch. Post 216 will provide Honor Guard & a list of the deceased members from the past year.

7:30am set up

8am – 9am registration

9am meeting until about 2-4pm

We’ll set up tables on the 12th at 6:30pm.

Fish Fry starts on the 19th. We’ll offer choice of dine-in or take out. Tickets sold at front door (use different colors?). Dine in will go into hall; take out will go through bar to East kitchen door to pick up & exit East bar door. Will need to make sure people don’t move tables or chairs (will be set up to socially distance). Ticket taker will need to monitor how many people are coming into hall. Will need masks for customers that forget them & for volunteers. Order individual pkts of hot sauce, & sets of plasticware, napkin & S&P. Volunteers will need to serve all food & beverages. (no self service)

Approved $500 to replace security camera recorder.

Scholarships. Bill motioned to award $3000 again. Chad 2nd.

Minutes from Dec. were read. Bill motioned to approve; Lloyd second. Minutes approved.

Membership: we’re at about 80% renewed plus 13 new members, 7 transferred in, & 6 deceased. Tim suggested if we see someone wearing a military hat, we ask if they are current members. Loren suggested we email or call new members & welcome them to the Post.

Hall Events are picking up.

Old business: this was from Dec mtg. So we DO need to pick 2 Vets to place on banners.

* Hometown Heroes banners for Legion members – decided to purchase 2 banners at $175 each. Discussion followed of which 2 Vets to place on banners.
* Need to fix the cameras on the storage area but decided to wait until more funds are available.
* Another food truck wants to use the kitchen. Midwestern Comfort Food. Contract states $25/hour with minimum of $100 monthly.

New Business:

* Dave is trying to get more local breweries for the bar.
* Will get a new heater in garage (mainly for the bags league).
* Approved to hold the Jeff Boyden Memorial fundraiser on March 6th. We’ll donate use of the hall. We’ll set up back bar. Either they pay for security through the Legion or they provide a real security person. They hope to raise money for a service dog for a local Vet through Javalen.
* Scouts to hold Pancake Feed on Feb. 21st.
* Lights on the lower half of the Legion sign need to be replaced (when it gets warmer out).
* Voted “no” on advertising in the Gretna Chamber Green Book.
* Legion National dept office is closed due to COVID (all but 1 tested positive).

Sick Call: Ernie Olson (not sure if he’s a member).

Meeting adjourned 20:37.

Next meeting is Feb. 23, 2021