June 27, 2023

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: None

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report:

* Larry Cushing gave an update on recently recovered MIA remains

Sick Call: None

Old Business:

* Audio system bids were reviewed and discussed
  + A new bid is pending (Open)
* Verizon wireless contract to lease a 47 x 47 foot section of our north lot to install a cell tower
  + Verizon’s response to our legal review has been received
  + Post 216 officers are satisfied that our concerns have been addressed
  + A motion was made to accept and sign the contract; motion passed with 1 procedural nay vote
  + The tower was recommended for approval by the Gretna City Planning Board (Item will remain open until tower construction is complete)
* Purchasing of heavier winter jackets for the honor guard
  + The Post Adjutant is still researching the cost for 10 jackets (Open - researching)
* Restart of Big Red dinners during Nebraska football season
  + Dinner with sportswriter speakers the first Thursday of each month September – January
  + Rotating caterers and meal selections
  + Auction and raffles are an option (Open)
* Post 216 Jr. Law Cadet nominee, Benjamin Brodin, previously selected as the third alternate has been picked up to attend the session
  + Post 216 owes District 8 reimbursement for the $200 tuition (Open)
  + A motion was made for the Post 216 delegates to the Department convention to present a vote for Carl Lorenzen: motion passed (Closed)
* 2023 Post 216 officers were installed as follows:
  + Commander – Cindy Mefford
  + Vice Commander – Joel Rossman
  + Adjutant – Jeff Johnson
  + Finance Officer – Jason Johnson
  + Executive Board member – Roger Svatos (Closed)

New Business:

* Quotes were reviewed for a new ice machine
  + A motion was made and passed to order one (Open)
* A proposal was presented to tear down and rebuild the pavilion in the back
  + A motion was made and passed to authorize a maximum of $4000 to tear down and rebuild (Open)
* A proposal was presented to reimburse Post delegates to the Department Convention
  + A motion was made and passed to pay registration fees and $50 per diem (Closed)

Good of the Order:

* There are no updates on a complaint presented to National by an unnamed former employee alleging financial misappropriation
* Department of Nebraska Resolutions –
  + 1-23: Reducing hardcopy publication of the Department to 6 times per year. Results in an annual savings of 50 man-hours, $900 in postage, and $500 in material (Passed at Convention)
  + 2-23: National to fund Men’s College World Series (MCWS) Program. Requesting National to budget $4500 annually to advertise in the MCWS for as long as the Nebraska American Legion is asked to be just one of eight Team hosts (Passed at Convention)
* Election of Department Senior Vice Commander
  + There are two candidates running for Department Senior Vice Commander to be voted on at the Department convention, Carl Lorenzen and Boyd Yochum. Yochum was elected at the Convention
* Post 216 members were elected to Department and District positions
  + Dave Guy – Department of Nebraska Sergeant at Arms
  + Ann Guy – District 8 Chaplain
* The Avenue of Flags will be going up on 4 July at 7 a.m.
* Dan Cherveny will be leading the Gretna Days Parade Float committee. This years theme is the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War

Benediction

Meeting Adjourned: 2008