August 29, 2023

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: None

Membership Update: Currently at 55% of our 2024 membership goal

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report:

* Larry Cushing briefed on:
  + Veteran’s Health Library
  + Updated VA appointment procedures
  + Transitional care can move Veteran’s prescriptions into the VA system – contact Larry for details
  + A new Sarpy County Veteran Service Officer will be appointed soon
  + VA is offering free CT lung scans for current or previous smokers

Sick Call: None

Old Business:

* A motion was made and approved to proceed with the audio system bid with the addition of microphones
  + Work has been completed
  + Awaiting quotes for new microphones
  + Awaiting information and quotes for a portable system (Open)
* Verizon wireless contract
  + The contract has been signed and remitted (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)

New Business:

* A proposal was presented and approved to donate $1000 to the Help A Marine fund
  + Supports a local Marine recovering from serious medical conditions
  + Money will help modify the family home to support the Marine
  + Adjutant Johnson will contact the Marine Corp League president to arrange payment (Open)
* Veteran’s Day dinner menu options were presented and voted on
  + The meal will be a BBQ brisket plate with cheese cake and double-chocolate brownies for desert
* During the installation of the new audio system, mold was discovered within the air conditioning ducts in the large hall
  + The Post officers are pursuing mitigation options (Open)
* The Post is awaiting quotes for an new electronic lock system for the outer doors
  + Will allow for time/date-based access for hall renters (Open)
* Jason Johnson briefed the membership on two proposed projects in the backyard
  + A 100 x 25 foot concrete pad across the back of the building and removal of all the old concrete
  + Cost is approximately $31,000
  + Construction of a 30 x 40 foot garage in the far south west corner of the back yard
    - Opens up the current garage for future expansion of usable indoor space
    - Eliminates the need for expansion of the existing building
    - Cost is approximately $30,000
  + Motions were made and approved to proceed with both projects
  + Costs will be included on the existing construction loan

Good of the Order:

* There are no updates on a complaint presented to National by an unnamed former employee alleging financial misappropriation
* Post 216 has received several requests for color guard support at Gretna East High School events
  + Commander Mefford has sent out an email with dates and times
* Commander Mefford is working with the two Gretna High Schools on a request to paint patriotic murals on the exterior walls of the post
* Joel Rossman, Dave Guy, and Monica Gissler are working the finishing touches on the updated Post By-laws
* Post 331 is hosting a “Melting Pot” Scramble golf tournament
  + Friday, September 22, 2023
  + Willow Lakes Golf Course with lunch provided at Post 331
  + Open to men, women, and mixed teams
  + $450 for 4-person team, all proceeds go to Legion Scholarships and youth programs
* Nominations are due for Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year
  + Due to Department by 1 Dec 23 (Open)
* Sep 11 is Patriot Day
  + There will be a ceremony at Veteran’s Park beginning at 6:00 p.m.
* Sarpy County government day will be held on 17 October
  + Contact Dave Guy for more information or to help out

Benediction

Meeting Adjourned: 1955