February 27, 2024

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: Gretna Auxiliary Unit President Cindy Moore

Membership Update: Currently at 93% of our 2024 membership goal

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report:

* Larry Cushing provided an update on Nebraska Legislative Bill which proposes property tax decrease proportional to VA disability rating is still alive
* Sick Call: None

Old Business:

* The Post received a quote for an new electronic lock system for the outer doors
  + Installation is ongoing (Open)
* 30 x 40 foot garage in the far south west corner of the back yard
  + Work has continued and will continue every weekend that weather allows until the building is complete (Open)
* The Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary committee to look at landscaping options.
  + A phase I proposal was presented with a request or funding from each of the Legion family organizations to cover the $3000 total cost
  + A motion was made and passed to contribute $1000 (Open)
* An offer was made by a local artist to paint two murals on the south east corners of the building for approximately $10,000
  + The e-board will research options and present to the membership for approval (Open)
* The updated Post By-laws and Constitution were voted on an approved (Closed)
* Nebraska Welding has delivered the new metal fire pit for the back yard
  + Randy McFarland has offered to donate a concrete pad (Open)
* Flag Education Day: Auxiliary Unit 216 is proposing a joint effort to host a flag education event
  + Still awaiting more information (Open)
* Boys State interviews will be held at Post 216 on Monday, March 4th at 7 p.m.
  + Contact Adjutant Johnson if you are interested in being on the interview board (Open)

New Business:

* Brian and Cindy Mefford requested Post 216 sponsorship for an Easter Dinner at Victory Apartments.
  + A motion was made and approved to sponsor up to $1000 of the cost (Open)
* Dues increases for 2025 membership were discussed
  + A motion was made and passed to raise Post 216 membership rate to $50 per year to cover the increases made by National and Department (Closed)
* Boys State interviews will be held on 4 March 2024 at 7 p.m.
  + A motion was made and pass to sponsor up to 6 boys to attend (Open)
* High School senior scholarships are coming up soon
  + We need volunteers for the scholarship selection committee
  + A motion was made and passed to provide 4 $1000 scholarships this year (Open)

Good of the Order:

* Dave Dietz is working on getting a defibrillator for the hall
* June 6 will be a Vietnam Veteran’s Welcome Home
  + The Post 216 color guard will present colors for the opening ceremony
  + Contact Loren Foged for more information or to volunteer

Benediction:

Meeting Adjourned: 2008