

STANLEY E. BANKS Sr.
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 10003
Carmel, Indiana
Business Meeting Minutes
Monday June 08, 2020

The Commander and Jr. Vice were assisting the Auxiliary Members connect to the video conferencing application Zoom from 1830-1844. Commander Richard Leirer called the meeting to order at 1845 hours. The Commander asked all Officers to take their respective stations. All seats being properly filled, the Officer of the Day was asked to satisfy that members present were in good standing. The Officer of the Day reported to the Commander that all fifteen members present were in good standing. No regular members joined the meeting using Zoom.

Opening Prayer: The Chaplain delivered the opening prayer.

Salute of the American Flag: Members saluted the American Flag.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Commander led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening of the meeting: The Commander opened Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10003 for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before it. The Commander recognized former State Commander Johnny Capps as being present.

Adjutant's Roll Call: All Officers were present or excused.

New Membership: Three new members were addressed; Jacklyn Bennett, Timothy Bennett and John Hensley. A motion was made and seconded to accept them; motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were posted on the Post bulletin board and Post website for all to read. Motion was made and seconded to approve minutes as posted, motion passed unanimously.

Quartermaster Report: On hand spending amount for all accounts is \$47,048.53. \$18,000 of this is our PPP loan taken out during the COVID-19 Pandemic, so actual spending is \$29,000. A motion was made and seconded to except report, motion passed unanimously subject to audit.

Service Officer Report: Nothing to report.

Comrade in Distress: None at this time.

Committee Reports

House - Don passed the following:

-The House Committee approved to partner with a local pastry truck vendor named "Three Dolls & Co.". We reached an agreement in principle.

-We are soliciting for at least one additional cook.

-Right now, the Post grand re-opening will be Sat. July 4th with a full-service breakfast followed up with Brats and hotdogs in the afternoon. Details forthcoming.

-We have decided to go with a Post re-key since there are many keys over the years that have not been returned. Tim was actually able to negotiate a very fair deal. Steve Wyatt also posted on our website May 29th for all key holders to let us know who had what. Still a work in progress.

-We are tentatively on track to initiate Phase 4 COVID-19 re-opening on June 14th, subject to change and/or government guidance.

-The hotel is currently scheduled to open on July 29th. Michelle has actually spoken with the new manager and they have agreed to have our menus placed in rooms for guests.

-June 27th will be the Post maintenance day with Andy Fitzgerald leading a boy scout troop of volunteers.

-Aug 1st will be a regular breakfast with a flag raising ceremony later ... details to follow.

Planning – Nothing to report.

Building - Nothing to report.

Membership - Joel (Sr. Vice) stated that we are at 105% membership and that the Post has qualified for All State. The Commander and Sr. Vice attached the All State streamer to the colors. The Commander requested members to continue pushing for membership to get All American status.

Hospital – Tim P. will be attending a VA Hospital class when the hospital re-opens for training following the COVID Pandemic.

Safety – Tim M. passed that we should all be following the COVID-19 safety procedures until the threat has subsided.

Surgeon - Nothing to report.

Golf – Nothing to report.

Remember our National Home: The Chaplain led a prayer to remember the National Home.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: The Commander stated that Sep. 27th is Indiana State day at the National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, MI. He stated that it is really worthwhile going for the day. Dennis spoke about Howard County having its annual Veterans Event in Sep. this year. Tim M. made a motion for a Post wide re-key at \$485 with an \$85 service fee. After a short discussion it was seconded and passed unanimously. Andy addressed that the Post maintenance day will be on June 27th from 0900-1500. The Commander then asked Johnny Capps to the podium to oversee the new Officer Initiation ceremony. Prior to the ceremony former State Commander Capps spoke about how well the Post has done and to help push towards reaching All American status. The Officer Initiation ceremony was conducted and all newly elected and appointed Officers will officially take their positions on Sat. June 13th after the State Convention.

Good of the Order: The General Orders, a list of all upcoming state and local Post events and their dates, along with significant historical events are posted on the Post website and bulletin board for all to read. Dennis asked if we are allowed to set up the Post tent for recruiting purposes. The Commander

stated that he would look in to it and let him know. Riley stated that the Hamilton County Veterans are raising funds for a Veterans Memorial in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Please forward all community hours to the Commander before the end of the month. The incoming Commander requested all newly initiated Officers to remain for a brief meeting.

Our next Post meeting will be on Monday July 13th, 2020 at 1830 hours.

Closing Ceremonies: Prayer was given, and colors were saluted.

At 1929 hours the Commander declared the meeting closed.

Kenneth A. Lange
Post Adjutant