

STANLEY E. BANKS Sr.
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
POST 10003
Carmel, Indiana
Business Meeting Minutes
Monday March 09, 2020

At 1830 Mr. Kent Abernathy, a Post member and a candidate for congress gave remarks and took questions from the members. Commander Richard Leirer called the meeting to order at 1847 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.

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.

Adjutant's Roll Call: All Officers were present or excused. The Adjutant commented that one officer was not excused and had missed multiple meetings.

New Membership: Five new members were addressed; transfer Steven Hall, Christopher Owens, Matthew McNally, William Wilson and Steven Roudenberger. A motion was made and seconded to except all five, motion passed unanimously.

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes from the February 2020 meeting were posted on the bulletin board, Post website and Constant Contact 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 \$42,979.47. A motion was made and seconded to except report, motion passed unanimously subject to audit.

Service Officer Report: Nothing to report.

Comrade in Distress: The Sr. Vice Commander spoke about Steve Nichols being in the hospital after suffering a stroke.

Committee Reports

House - Don passed the following:

- The monthly drawing will now be on the third Monday of the month beginning in April 2020.
- The fish fry/ Lint dinner will be on March 21st.
- Michelle is looking at different organizations (charities) to conduct Wed. events. Still in progress!!

-We updated the House and Canteen Rules with changes to hours and employee/officer gaming.

-Employee meeting was held on Sat March 7th to reflect the House and Canteen Rules updates, along with the safe conduct of a required Post fire drill.

Planning - Steve (Jr. Vice) spoke about upcoming events: Mar 21st fish fry/Lint dinner. A Grand re-opening event for the Post will be held during July after hotel construction is complete. Continue checking the newsletter, Facebook and Constant Contact and/or email for information on events, dates and times.

Building - Nothing to report.

Membership - Joel (Sr. Vice) stated that we are at 94.09% membership and well on our way at getting to 100%. He stated that only eleven new joins and/or current members renew to get at 100%.

Hospital - Nothing to report.

Safety - Nothing to report.

Surgeon - Nothing to report.

Golf - Rock said he has confirmed July 18th as the Golf Tournament date at Pebble Brook. He is additionally in negotiations with Pebble Brook to host the annual VFW State Golf Tournament for 2021 (more information once it becomes available).

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

Unfinished Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: The Commander addressed concerns on the display of new flags once the new monument is constructed. It was decided that the center pole (of nine) will display both the American and Indiana state flags to allow room for the flanking of the POW/MIA and VFW flags, allowing each of the six service branches having its own pole.

Fish fry/Lint dinner tickets are currently on sale.

Roger Kahn was nominated, accepted and unanimously voted in as Trustee 3 year until July 2020.

The 2020-2021 Post Officer nominations were held: Commander – no nomination, Sr. Vice Commander – Joel Watson, Jr. Vice Commander – Andy Fitzgerald, Quartermaster – Tim McNally, Chaplain – Rock Effron and Trustee 3 year – Steve Wyatt. All nominees excepted.

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 Constant Contact for all to read.

The VFW Statewide spring conference has been cancelled due to health concerns regarding the Coronavirus outbreak.

The State Commander has been relieved as Department Commander and banned for life from the VFW.

Andy spoke having a few Boy Scouts still in need of finishing their Eagle Scout projects.

Dennis said that he was having a meeting with a Hamilton County executive in regards to the Hoosier/Hamilton County Veterans Memorial. He also stated that he is need of a few small service flags and that he has had several volunteers stopping in.

Tim Hannon addressed concerns over the Coronavirus scare and that it is real and a potential problem. He stated that frequent handwashing is one of the ways in controlling the spread.

Roger spoke about how a local cemetery's staff had been mistreating graveside American flags and that the issue has been resolved with the proper disposal of said flags.

Please forward all community hours to the Commander before the end of the month.

Our next Post meeting will be on Monday 13 April 2020 at 1830 hours.

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

At 1939 hours the Commander declared the meeting closed.

Kenneth A. Lange
Post Adjutant