

Regular Business Meeting

November 4, 2016 1902

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call: present, Cmdr. Stan Walkild, Sr. Vice Cmdr. Jed Fall, Jr. Vice Cmdr. Jim McCloughan, Finance Pat Sullivan, JAG Kevin Ferguson, Sgt. at Arms Jim Montgomery, Adjutant Tom Breen.

Absent: Jr. Finance Chuck Aubrey excused in China, Historian John Lammbert excused Family in hospital, Service Officer Alan Soulliere not excused, chaplin Art Broadrick not excused.

Guest Mike Steffler was introduced. He is from Stryker Corp. he explained that his company make AED's and that all the AED's at Stryker are the Phillips brand and they are being replaced with the AED's made by Sergio Controls. Mr. Steffler went to his company and suggested they donate one of their Phillips AED's to the post. Mr. Steffler brought one with him and did donate it to the post.

Guest John McCormak was introduced. He planned to give the board a powerpoint presentation on his company Valor Inc. However, the equipment wasn't operable so he gave a short adlib explanation of Valor a 501 © 3 organization that stresses physical fitness for Veterans with a nutrition aspect and products and asked to return the next business meeting and present his powerpoint.

Finance: Mr. Sullivan handed out a hard copy of the finances and gave a presentation explaining the report. A copy of the report is attached to this

report. A motion was made to accept the report seconded and passed, pending audit without objection.

Adjutant Report: The adjutant apologize in that he left his report at home but gave his report from memory. The membership renewal is in great shape with approximately 300 renewals and about 30 new members. He promised a more detailed report at the next meeting. A motion was made to accept the report it was seconded and passed without objection.

B.O.D. Mr. Ferguson said everything is going well. He explained how he and the adjutant has interview all the applicants that applied for the Bar/Club manager position and they will be presented to the B.O.D. at the next meeting Nov. 17. He then informed that the Sunday breakfast has ended until next May. He reported he and Ben Newton went to A.J.'s to see what equipment may be available at A.J.'s going out of business sale. They donated poles and flags used to advertize. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and passed without objection.

S.A.L. Mr. Hamilton reported the SAL membership is down and he wanted to send out reminders to his membership, however, the district had already done that and over the past couple of weeks the renewals have been coming in to over 21% of the membership and they are now closer to their goal and may have reached their goal. In addition they have \$7000 in their bank account. The SAL has the senior Thanksgiving dinner coming up and they are in good shape for that. Also they have 15-16 turkey's already donated for the dinner. Amotion was made to accept the report, it was seconded and passed without objection.

Old Business: The Darcy threat of suing. Mr. Aubrey went to her and asked for a list of colleges that turned down her son, she told him she would get it to him, however, that was 3 weeks ago and she hasn't produced yet. Cmdr. Wakild suspects she is not going to produce such a

list. The adjutant opined that in her statement to Cmdr. Wakild she said she has Mr. Ferguson "on tape" promising a letter of recommendation for her son. And that the post may have an angle to get Ms. Darcy out of our hair in that if it is against the law to secretly tape a conversation between two parties we could present that to her with a letter and tell her we will give the letter to her and not prosecute if she signs a waiver to never enter our post again.

Det. DeBor talked to the Cmdr. and told him Indianapolis has not contacted him about the Becky Howell warrant and the detective is sending the warrant to IMPD.

The Cmdr. asked if there was any progress on the Michigan Viet Memorial wall. The adjutant stated he had a conversation with Art Orozco and he said the wall should be back at their post in a week to 10 days.

New Business: The halloween party put together by Terry Gregory was a success and raised \$276 that she would like to donate to the homeless veterans cause through the Rodney Tolvert program. Also she want's to put together Certificates of Appreciation for people the selflessly volunteer at our post and mentioned six people in particular: Mariam Bush, Ben Newton, n Larry and Wanda Smith and Jim and Judy Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery vehemently protested any recognition of him, however, I believe it was to no avail. Future events will prove me either right or wrong. A motion was made to okay the donation of \$276 to area homeless Veterans through Rodney Tolvert on the condition that the money will be spent to assist homeless veterans in the southwest Michigan area. Cmdr. Wakild was tasked to call Mr. Tolvert and verify that the money is to be used for area homeless Veterans only because the fund raising during the halloween party was indicated specifically for that purpose. Also the member that won the 50-50 redonated his winnings because of that stipulation. It was seconded and passed without objection.

A motion was made to direct Ms. Gregory to prepare the above certificates and plaques for volunteers the help our post. It was seconded and passed without objection.

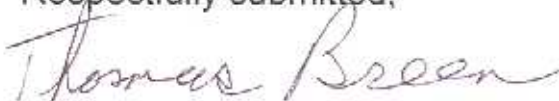
The carpet tiles for the club room was discussed by Mr. Fall he stated he researched the tiles and found some on sale at a price of \$51.45 a case with the tiles measuring 19.68 inches and 8 in a case and a 10 year light commercial guarantee and with a need of at least 9 cases the cost would be \$463.00 plus tax with any rebate donated back to the post. A motion to purchase carpet tiles to replace the damaged carpet at \$51.45 a case was made, seconded and passed without objection.

Mr. Montgomery asked how much money has been collected through fundraising like 50-50's etc for paying on the wall. He was told at least \$1500. He wants a motion to take what ever the total is to direct the finance officer to take the amount to the bank and pay it on the principal of the loan on our wall. It was seconded and passed without objection.

Cmdr. Walkid stated that the post has been granted a \$30,000 line of credit with Sturgis bank to be used only in case of an emergency to be used only with the approval of the membership. A motion was made to approve the line of credit, it was seconded and passed without objection.

For the Good of the Legion: The adjutant took the floor and read a letter from Marine Colonel Jeffery Powers (ret) that Col. Powers had sent to the NFL Commissioner. In the letter Col. Powers sums up his revulsion and disgust over the "protest" by some NFL players during the National Anthem before the game. The adjutant stated his feeling and thoughts are in line with the Colonel's letter. A copy of the letter is attached to this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Breen

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