

Regular Business Meeting

Thursday June 7, 2018 1900

Cmdr. Wakild conducted opening ceremonies and the meeting started.

Roll Call: Stan Wakild, Tom Breen, Jed Fall, Chuck Aubrey, Larry Girard, Steve Hamilton, Art Orozco, Jim Montgomery,

Members: Earl Lash, Bruce Thatcher, Tom Dryer, Mike Andruch, Jason Turner, John Barkley and Jim Addressi.

Guests: Herb Scholten, Richard Parks.

Richard Parks 4th District Commander handed out a form to put an add in the district handbook. Cmdr. Parks proposed that the district meeting in November be held at post 49. A motion was made to hold the November district meeting, with dinner \$7.00, at post 49 on Sunday Nov. 4, 2018, seconded and passed without objection.

Finance: Mr. Aubrey gave a rundown of the finance report, it was seconded and passed without objection.

Adjutant report: Membership is at 103.9% and the adjutant has sent in 6-8 renewals that haven't been added

to the total. Adjutant produced two new candidates for the post. A motion was made to accept both candidates and the report, seconded and passed without objection.

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member thinks they need one contact Mr. Aubrey. Tiki bar and picnic tables--\$300 has been authorized to refurbish the tables and the bar. King of Diamonds is almost ready to go and Mr. Hamilton has about completed the case for the game. At the last BOD meeting Mr. Aubrey was re elected as Chairman and Mr. Breen as Vice-Chairman. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and passed without objection.

Club Manager: Ms. Hahn informed the board that she has been contacted by a local Eagle Scout that wants to redo the Tiki bar as a project for his badge and is coming in to meet her and discuss his project. July 4 festivities are approaching and she needs volunteers to help keep freeloaders off the property during the festivities. She said SAL did the food last year and hopes they will return this year. She is looking to hire another bartender to help cover during peak hours and days. A motion was made to approve the report, seconded and passed without objection.

SAL: Mr. Hamilton reported \$11, 200 in the SAL account and the membership is at 94% and when the cards that have been sent get processed the membership will be over 100%. Motion to approve the report was made, seconded and passed without objection.

Women's Auxiliary: Linda Teeter reported the auxiliary has planned a brunch on June 23 for the prospective members and the auxiliary in an attempt to get the new prospects involved in the auxiliary. She also informed the meeting that a new mixer, food processor and pizza cutter had been donated to the kitchen. Ms. Hahn then informed the meeting that Linda had in fact donated the above items. Linda then announced the auxiliary has approved \$300 for the picnic table project and they approved a \$500 donation to the wounded warrior project fund, but she had done some research and found the WWP does not have a good reputation as to actually getting money to the warriors, so instead the auxiliary decided to pay the \$500 directly onto the principle of the wall. She also offered the auxiliary do the lunch at the district meeting in November which the board immediately accepted. A motion was made to accept the report, seconded and passed without objection.

MOH: Mr. Fall opined that the post can still dedicate the inside part of the memorial, i.e. the photos and paintings in the entryway of the post. However, because of the wishes of Duane Dewey the post decided to forgo the event in its entirety. A motion was made to cancel the dedication in its entirety, seconded and passed without objection.

Mr. Hamilton opined that because the post wanted to charge the mermaids a \$5 fee to have their photo taken at the post that opportunity was lost. Mr. Hamilton said he is hesitant to ask for donations in South Haven because that may be thrown in his face as an excuse to not donate.

Cmdr Wakild then took the floor and announced that Herb Scholten will conduct the swearing in of the posts officers:

Stan Wakild as Commander, James Addressi as 1st vice Cmdr, Sean Russell as 2nd Vice Cmdr, Tom Breen as adjutant, Jim Montgomery as Sgt. at Arms, Larry Girard as Chaplain and Art Orozco as Historian.

New Business: Cmdr. Wakild thanked Sean Russell for his assistance in getting the certificate of achievement awards to the outgoing seniors at the high school. Mr. Russell informed the board that the high school kids all had a 3.75 GPA or better and that it was a pleasure and honor to hand out the awards. "They are a great bunch of Kids." The meeting was then turned over to the adjutant Breen for a special and unique project to present to the post. Breen then outlined that during the changing of the guard of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier a wreath laying ceremony was conducted in which 4 young girls of a middle school participated in the ceremony. Breen then

advised the meeting that he got on the internet and has procured a date, in the name of American Legion post 49, on April 4, 2019 at 1415 to lay a wreath at the Tomb. He then announced the 4 people he wanted to participate in the ceremony. Duane Dewey, Jim McCloughan, Glenn Higgs and the Commander Stan Wakild. A committee was formed to meet and iron out any and all details. The committee consists of Stan Wakild, Tom Breen, Larry Girard and Jason Turner at this time. It should be noted that people will be added or deleted from the committee as needed.

Cmdr. Wakild then discussed Flag Day. He has invited the Scouts to participate in the ceremony and asked for volunteers to finish burning the flags after the ceremony. The adjutant said he would take care of that detail.

Mr. Addressi then explained a bus trip to a casino. He needs 30 people minimum at \$43 a person he also said this could be done for a ball game also. A motion was made for Mr. Addressi to initiate and supervise this first post 49 bus trip it was seconded and passed 11 yeas 1 nae.

Mrt. Lash took the floor and informed the Cmdr. that Scout troop 3023 wants to know if the post would donate the old flag stands to them. A motion was made to donate the stands seconded and passed without objection.

Mr. Hamilton advised the SAL made a \$2000 donation on the principle of the wall.

Mr. Andruch the advised the board that the landscape stones for the flagpole area is \$156 and the river rock is \$150. Also if redoing the sign it should be made from marine plywood. SAL Cmdr. Lash the advised the meeting that SAL will donate \$300 for the sign.

Mr. Thatcher then took the floor and advised that actors doing the play "Hands on the Wall" which letters from VN vets are being read in the play. The play is at the Roots in Fennville at \$25 a person. He then suggested the post could have the play at the post. The only fee would be \$75 for the people that originally wrote the play.

Good of the Legion: Mr. Richard Parks then announced that he would like to introduce the new Van Buren County Commander Jim Addressi.

Mr. Fall then made a motion to order 36 American Legion 100th anniversary challenge coins a motion was made to order the coins seconded and passed without objection.

A motion was made to order a new preamble sign for the post it was seconded and passed without objection.

The Adjutant took the floor. He pointed out that the post is fortunate to have two members that take the initiative to improve the appearance of the post. They never ask for anything in return and they don't expect anything. Mike

Andruch and Jason Turner are Post 49's such people. On behalf of Post 49 I want to thank them for their efforts.

Respectfully submitted

Thomas Breen
Adjutant Post 49