March 29, 2022

Meeting opened at: 1900

Invocation

In Attendance: Dave Harrig, Cindy Mefford, Jeff Johnson, Jason Johnson, Dan Cherveny, George McFarland, Dave Dietz, Joel Rossman, Ann Guy, Dave Guy, Lloyd Lemke, Roger Wegner, Tim Gilligan, Larry Cushing, Vern Jones, Drasis Pajeda, Loren Foged, Louis Essen

Guests: David Francois (Post 32)

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report: Larry Cushing briefed the membership on Hetra’s veteran rehab efforts involving horses. Veterans can either ride the horses, or just be around them as desired. Hetra is offering a free coffee event all day on 15 April and is looking to host a Bass Tournament fund raiser on 23 April. They have requested a Post Color Guard for this event.

Sick Call: George Jahn is in the hospital for a procedure, Gary Pelan was at home felling ill

Old Business:

* Discussed options for a second shuffleboard table in the lounge
  + Novotny’s has one for sale for $7000
  + Novotny’s will lease us one and furnish all supplies for $100 per month
  + (Item tabled for future discussion)
* There were 4 boys selected for Boys State
  + Tuition for all 4 has been paid to Department
  + The Sons are sponsoring one boy (Closed)
* Fish Fry season is in full steam
  + Great attendance so far this year

New Business:

* Morgan Stanley Estate Planning has offered to give a presentation at the Legion
  + Dave Harrig offered to organize something, but there wasn’t much interest shown (Closed)
* Annual Scholarships
  + A motion was made to offer up to 4 x $1000 scholarships; motion passed
  + Dave Dietz, Jason Johnson, Cindy Mefford and Dave Harrig will meet on Tuesday, 5 April at 7 p.m. to review the applications (Open)
* The hall rental policy letter was reviewed and approved by the membership (Closed)
* Jason Johnson proposed the Post take out a construction line of credit at Pinnacle Bank to make improvements on the building
  + We are pre-approved for up to $500K, but the membership voted and approved $250K
  + Individual projects will be present to the membership for approval before anything is committed (Open)
* Congressman Bacon and Gretna Mayor Evans are hosting a breakfast at the Post on Friday, 8 April at 7 a.m.
  + Dave Dietz, Larry Cushing, and Dave Harrig will join them on a walking tour of Gretna following the breakfast
  + Will identify potential future projects to honor Veterans (Open)
* Loren presented a draft agreement with the City of Gretna for a partnership to keep the Avenue of Flags going
  + The City will:
    - Allow use of the park and to advertise events involving the flags
    - Keep the holes clear of debris
    - Add additional holes for poles as needed
    - Place the poles next to the holes prior to events and put them back on the trailer after events
    - Identify poles needing repair
  + The Legion/VFW will:
    - Provide an annual list of planned events for the calendar year NLT 15 January
    - Provide written notice to the City of any additional events, at least 2 months in advance
    - Coordinate with the City on the number of holes need each year NLT1 May
    - Maintain and store all flags
    - Deliver flag poles to the park 1 day prior to each event
    - Remove the trailer from the park after each event
    - Repair poles as needed
    - Replace poles as needed
    - Provide a flag depository at a location coordinated with the City
    - Provide and maintain a flag and pole at City Hall
  + Item needs to be review by the VFW and voted on at the next meeting (Open)
* Dave Guy presented information on the Papillion Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial dedication on 29 Mar 22.

Benediction

Meeting Adjourned: 2029