May 30, 2023

Meeting opened at: 1900

A quorum was present

Invocation

Guests: None

Previous minutes read and approved

Finance Report read and approved

Post Service Officer report:

* PACT Act open enrollment season closes on 30 Sep 23
* Fontenelle Forest is offering free admission for Active Duty, May – Sep 2023
* Larry Cushing gave an update on recently recovered MIA remains

Sick Call:

* Shawn Olson, Marine Corp League member, has been transferred to a facility in Minneapolis

Old Business:

* Audio system bids were reviewed and discussed
  + A new bid is pending (Open)
* Verizon wireless contract to lease a 47 x 47 foot section of our north lot to install a cell tower
  + Verizon’s response to our legal review has been received
  + Post 216 officers are satisfied that our concerns have been addressed
  + A motion was made to accept and sign the contract; motion passed with 1 procedural nay vote (Item will remain open until tower construction is complete)
* Purchasing of heavier winter jackets for the honor guard
  + The Post Adjutant is still researching the cost for 10 jackets (Open - researching)
* Restart of Big Red dinners during Nebraska football season
  + Dinner with sportswriter speakers the first Thursday of each month September – January
  + Rotating caterers and meal selections
  + Auction and raffles are an option (Open)
* Purchase of a new three-door reach in freezer for the store room
  + The freezer has been purchased and delivered (Closed)

New Business:

* Post 216 Jr. Law Cadet nominee, Benjamin Brodin, previously selected as the third alternate has been picked up to attend the session
  + Post 216 owes District 8 reimbursement for the $200 tuition (Open)
* Department of Nebraska Resolutions – Dave Guy (Sarpy County Commander) outlined 2 proposed resolutions to be voted on at the Department Convention (22-25 June 23)
  + 1-23: Reducing hardcopy publication of the Department to 6 times per year. Results in an annual savings of 50 man-hours, $900 in postage, and $500 in material
  + 2-23: National to fund Men’s College World Series (MCWS) Program. Requesting National to budget $4500 annually to advertise in the MCWS for as long as the Nebraska American Legion is asked to be just one of eight Team hosts
  + A motion was made for the Post 216 delegates to the Department convention to present a Yea vote for both resolution; motion passed with one procedural nay vote (Closed)
* Election of Department Senior Vice Commander
  + There are two candidates running for Department Senior Vice Commander to be voted on at the Department convention (Carl Lorenzen and Boyd Yochum)
  + A motion was made for the Post 216 delegates to the Department convention to present a vote for Carl Lorenzen: motion passed (Closed)
* Election of new Post 216 officers:
  + Commander – Cindy Mefford
  + Vice Commander – Joel Rossman
  + Adjutant – Jeff Johnson
  + Finance Officer – Jason Johnson
  + Executive Board member – Roger Svatos
  + A motion was made to enter a Yea vote for the nominees as listed; motion passed
  + Officers will be installed at the June membership meeting (Open)

Good of the Order:

* There are no updates on a complaint presented to National by an unnamed former employee alleging financial misappropriation
* Wicked Eats food truck will be taking over Wednesday night burger nights beginning 7 June 23
* Post 216 and VFW Post 10725 are selling raffle tickets for a one week stay in a condo in Panama City, Florida
  + Dates are 23-30 September 2023
  + Travel is at individual expense
* Post 216 and VFW Post 10725 are selling locally produced honey
* Post 216 has earned 4 delegate cards and 4 alternate delegate cards for the 2023 Department of Nebraska Convention, 22-25 June 23 in Kearney
  + 2 delegate cards and all 4 alternate delegate cards are still available
  + Contact Adjutant Johnson if you are interested in attending and representing Post 216
* Ken Self recommended working with the local schools to find artists to paint patriotic murals on the outside of the building
* A new VA medical clinic is being built near 72nd and Giles
  + We can influence getting one built in our area by providing comments on the VA feedback cards

Benediction

Meeting Adjourned: 1958