



Post 552

American Legion Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: _6:00_____pm

Members Present:

Commander	Kent Vanhorn	Present
1 st Vice	Mike Hill	Absent
2 nd Vice	Jeff Mullis	Present
Adjutant	Doug Benzel	Present
Finance Off.	Mark Seamon	Present
Chaplain	Bill Bartle	Present
SergeantatArms	Jim Vanderploeg	Present

Jack Porath
Jim Winn
Dave Schmidt

Guests: Dennis Gildehaus-Coach of Mission Bay Cobras

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of December 15, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

A donation of \$250 was provided to us by Bill Heard for sponsoring a baseball team. A thank you letter was sent to him. This will appear on the January reports.

Membership: Doug reported 2023 post membership as 97 with a goal of 132. That is 73.48% of our goal and the District average is 65.51%. We are placed 5th in the District.

Boys State: Kent will head up the post effort for 2023. Dennis Gildehaus will coordinate with the Mission Bay High School to obtain candidates. Jack Porath introduced a motion for us to submit two boys from our post. It passed unanimously. We need to know the cost per member for this year and submission timelines.

By-Laws: Post 552 By-Laws were approved on December 30, 2022.

Sick Call: None.

Unfinished Business:

American Legion Baseball. Dennis Gildehaus is the head coach for the Cobras team. He gave a presentation on the history of the Cobras and their stats. It was pointed out that the \$550 registration fee covers insurance for the players. Bill Bartle made a motion for us to pay the 2023 registration fee for the Cobras. It was seconded by Jack and unanimously approved.

Website Restoration and Development. No change since December.

Support for Sunday Brunch. Kent has made several calls to submarine organizations without response. No other change since December.

New Business: None.

Good of the Order: Jack said the VFW Building Committee is now referred to as the House Committee.

Doug stated we have received a thank you letter from the Post American Legion Auxiliary thanking us for the \$100 holiday party donation.

Doug announced the Celebration of Life for Mary Lou Benzel on February 25 from 1-4 pm at the VFW Post. Members are welcomed to attend.

Meeting was adjourned at ___5:58 pm_____

/s/Signed Jan 26, 2023

Adjutant