



Post 552

## American Legion Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: \_\_6:00\_\_\_\_pm

### Officers Present:

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

Other Members: Bill Marsh, Jack Porath, Dave Schmidt and Jim Winn

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of February meeting were read. Jack Porath had volunteered to help with Boys State selection process. This was added.

### Committee Reports:

Finance: Mark announced the CD will expire in November 2024 and the T-bill matures on April 13, 2023. Balance sheet and budget for February have been provided to the officers.

Membership: We have 105 members of our 132 goal renewed for 2023. This is 79.55% of our goal. The District average is 72.55%.

Boys State: Monies have been submitted to District and the Department for two boys for this year. \$400 each for registration and \$200 each for transportation. Names of candidates are expected to be provided to the Commander by March 17. The Commander has requested that each candidate provide a paragraph on why they believe life in America is good and why they should be selected for Boys State. Selection should occur by March 31.

Sick Call: Bill Bartle said that Jim Vanderploeg has been hospitalized due to a motorcycle accident. His injured were severe, but he is now home resting.

Unfinished Business:

**Prospective Financial Institutions/Investments**—Mark presented the situation with maturity of our investments and how we can obtain more interest with a money market fund for our T-bill and excess in our checking account. He proposed an 18-month money market fund, and discussion led to reviewing the return on 6-month money market funds depending on expectation of interest rate hikes at the time of maturity. The Commander agreed to keep \$500 in the checking account and put the remainder in a money market fund, provided transfer between checking and the money market fund can be done easily and without delay. The Commander requested Mark notify him of new funding vehicles he intends to use prior to implementation.

**Support for Sunday Brunch**—The VFW bartender, Laura, has access to a professional chef willing to provide service for continuing Sunday brunches. The first one is planned for April 2. Notification of our brunches is important and should include the PB Womans Club, The VFW, the American Legion, Nextdoor and possibly newspapers.

New Business:

**Election Nominations**—Nominations for 2023-2024 were opened for the Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice positions. Nomination of Kent Vanhorn for Commander was made by Doug. Nomination of Mike Hill for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice was made by Doug. Bill Marsh nominated himself for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice. All nominees accepted. Nominations continue at the April meeting and just prior to election at the May meeting.

**Member Recognition**—The Commander presented Jack Porath with an award for 50 years continuous service to the American Legion.

**Website**—Doug proposed the Post establish a website so that people searching for Post 552 can land on it. It does not need to be populated, but will redirect to [www.VFW5985.net](http://www.VFW5985.net), where our Legion information currently resides. Jack Porath volunteered to make this happen.

Good of the Order: None

Meeting was adjourned at \_\_7:02 pm\_\_\_\_\_

/s/Signed March 17, 2023

Adjutant