



Post 552

American Legion Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: ___6:02___pm

Officers Present:

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

Other members: Dave Schmidt

Guests: None

Reading of the Minutes: Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Discussion ensued about the finance report. The Commander will meet with Mark before the next meeting to determine a revised format for the financial report and proposed budget for next year.

Membership: The Post has 113 paid members for 2023 with a goal of 132. This is 85.61% and we are number 6 in the District. The SAL is at 141.67% of their goal with 85 members. It was surfaced that the SAL does not have enough temporary identification cards to cover their members. The Commander will check with the SAL Commander to determine how to fix the problem.

Boys State: No new status.

Sick Call: Bill Colley has had a heart operation. Mike Hill received a hip replacement and was visited by the Chaplain while in the hospital. Mike is recovering fine.

Unfinished Business:

Website: Liz Segre has volunteered to build our website pro bono. She will write instructions for us on how to maintain it. To obtain free hosting by Dreamhost we need a determination of our 501 c (19) status. Mark requested this via the Department and we have now received a letters from National/IRS to meet this need. Doug will meet with Liz to obtain our hosting with Dreamhost.

SAL: The Commander is requesting a SAL representative come to our next meeting.

New Business:

Nominations/Election: No further nominations were received from the floor. The slate of 2023-2024 officers was voted on and unanimously elected:

Commander—Kent Vanhorn

1st Vice—Mike Hill

2nd Vice—Bill Marsh

Remaining officers were appointed to positions:

Finance Officer—Mark Seamon

Adjutant—Doug Benzel

Chaplain—Bill Bartle

SergeantAtArms—Jim Vanderploeg

The Commander is working with the District Commander for an installation ceremony at our June meeting.

Possibly changing the start time for our meetings was discussed. It was tabled until next meeting to hopefully get input from more members.

Memorial to Departed Members: The Chaplain recognized the passing of Duane Carson in April. He was an American Legion member for 28 years and was 92 at the time of death.

Good of the Order:

Mike Hill discussed changes being made to the hall, including drapery selection.

Meeting was adjourned at ___6:36 pm_____

/s/Signed May 19, 2023

Adjutant