



MEETING MINUTES — POST 70

Meeting was held 05/13/2024. Eight (8) members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by the Commander. Opening ceremonial tasks were done. Adjutant acting as Chaplain gave an opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Recitation of the Preamble was done by all present.

Roll Call of Officers: All Officers were present except First Vice was excused as was the Historian. The Chaplain position is still open.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and accepted.

Financial Officer Reports: The reports were read and accepted and filed for audit.

Membership: Ernie announced that there were three new applications: Charles Eaton, David Thompson, and Robert Foley, their names and service were read. Motion was made to accept them and it passed.

Pull-Tabs: We received a thank you from the Bektash Temple for the money we collected from the beverage can pull-tabs. The funds go to a good cause.

Post Service Officer's Report: Phil reported that he and Ernie attended the annual DAV Benefits event. The session was very interesting and helpful.

Unfinished Business:

Bartender Question: A member questioned adequate compensation of our "very good" bartenders and received information that this topic is handled by the Bar Committee, not in a general member meeting. But it was explained that they receive an hourly wage plus tips, and 2 weeks paid vacation. They also receive bonuses and although they do not receive sick pay, we do compensate them if they are out sick and it presents a hardship.

Member Financial Assistance: Roland brought up that he is aware that members are receiving financial assistance from the Post without it coming to the floor for a vote. It was



pointed out that when a person actually asks for assistance, waiting a month would be in many cases too late. Jesse Sr. had been asked this question some time ago and his response was that the Commander has discretionary power up to the amount of \$500 in such emergencies. The Commander has agreed to report such payments at the next possible meeting. He will make sure to do so. Any amount over \$500 requires approval at an Executive Committee meeting. Regardless of what the grapevine says, there are NO CASH payments – everything is paid by check payable to the utility or whatever. A motion was made to approve the \$500 Scotty LaJoie was given to help him after the heart attack and hospitalization he endured. Motion passed.

Convention: The Convention is this coming weekend, the 16th through the 19th. Delegates are reminded to bring their card or they won't be able to vote.

New Business:

Canteen Kitchen Refrigerator: Motion was made to purchase a new, larger refrigerator. It passed.

Stockade Fencing: The Patriot Riders are going to supply the labor to install the fencing. Cost has already been voted on and approved.

The Commander announced that he will be improving the rear door to the Pavilion with a concrete patio before the fencing goes up and will be paving the area after the fence is installed. Other improvements under consideration are a "Reflecting Garden" area which will be a memorial to past members. More details coming.

Bar Committee: Tom Chigas will replace Jesse Sr.

Graves: Jesse Jr. will take his Father's place.

Memorial Day: May 26 and the same Agenda as last year will be followed.

Chaplain: We are still needing a Chaplain. The Commander asked those present to scout out possible candidates.



Post Everlasting: Was held for Jesse Brown Sr.

Acting Chaplain Ernie made a closing prayer. The Commander adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Henry, Adjutant