

American Legion Post 2 Meeting Meeting Minutes January 7, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Commander Aune.

Doors were closed, Colors were brought forward and the National Anthem was played.

Officers Present: Commander Aune, 2nd Vice Torkildson, Finance Officer Tolman, Asst. Sgt at Arms Hebert; Exec Committee Mike Haugen, Dave Johnston, Larry Lein, Sylvan Melroe.

Officers Absent: 1st Vice Olson, Adjutant Hanson, Chaplain Borgen, Sgt at Arms Kvernen, Exec Committee Lynn Forde.

Cdr Aune announced that the minutes of the Executive Board meeting and last Post meeting were posted.

Finance Report – Tommy Tolman

December was an average month; Pickled Parrot income of \$4,003, about average for the year, and 60 memberships were received for \$750 net.

Gross Profit for December:	\$5,159
Total Expenses for December:	\$1,358
Net Operating Profit for December:	\$3,801
Debt Repaid in December:	\$ 700
Net Operating Profit after Debt Service for December:	\$3,101

Post 2 Equity on balance sheet rose to \$190,997 from \$178,056 in November.

The Boys and Girls Club (Gaming) paid \$475 rent in December into the Charity Fund, of which 20% or \$95 was transferred to the Club for utilities.

The Annual Special Assessments Status report was received from the City; Post 2 owes \$5,347 in special assessments, spread over 25 years at 5.5% interest.

The 2013 Real Estate Tax bill also arrived and Post 2 was assessed \$3,661 for 2013. This bill is pro-rated with the Pickled Parrot and Post 2's share is \$732.

Committee Reports:

Color Guard/Bike Shop – Will Hebert

The Honor Guard conducted 7 funerals in Dec.

2013 numbers for the Color/Honor Guard and Bike Shop:

Funerals: 72

Colors Posted: 11 Events

Bikes Given Away: 50 (35 to Homeless Veterans, 15 to kids and other adults)

So far for 2014 there are 80 bikes ready to be given away 45 kids bikes and 35 adult bikes.

United Patriotic Bodies (UPB) – CDR Aune

They haven't met so no report

Boys State – Wayne Wermager

Nothing new to report. Schools were contacted in Nov 13.

Athletics – Hank Deyle

The Red River Annual Banquet will be held 27 Jan 14 with guest speaker this year Jack Morris, former Detroit Tiger and Minnesota Twins pitcher. Tickets are \$100 with \$75 being deductible.

Band – Kathy Keogh

Not Present

Department Membership Chairman – Ron Mathews

ND is ranked 10th in the Nation at 84.038% we were as high as 6th. State has ND at 86.52%, East Region 85.11%, 1st District 80.19% and Post 2 at 68.98%. Post 2 has some work to do.

Mid Winter Conference will be held in Mandan, ND 31 Jan-2 Feb 2014.

Legion Service Officer – Bryan Watters

Not Present

VAVS – Dave Lee

American Legion and 40 & 8 2013 Bingo Report:

Number Veterans Serviced	132
Total Cost	\$778.04
Number of Volunteer Hours	234

Special Guests:

- Dept Cdr Eugene Kachena
- Dept Elect Don Weible
- Dept Exec Committee Member Bud Goldsmith

Team Members:

- Robert Jacobson
- Bob Lechner
- David Lee
- David Rice
- Jim Schlenker
- Mike Borgen
- Bob Krause

The Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet will be held on 29 April 2014 and Jan Usgaard will receive her 10,000 hour Service Award there will also be a 4,000 hour service award.

The National Salute to Veterans will be held on Valentine’s Day, looking for someone to help with this and thank the Veterans for their service.

Sewn items needed for donation for Veterans; at this time 40”x60” blankets and u-shaped neck pillows are needed.

The new Health Care System Director is Lavonne Liversage. Her biggest challenge will be supporting the 32,983 Veterans in the FM area with a 169M budget. She is available to meet with our service organizations, Mavis Goodroad mentioned the possibility of Ms Liversage coming to Post 2 for a presentation.

There are many Volunteer opportunities available at the VA you can call the VA at 701-239-3900, ext 93395 or call David Lee at 701-233-6489.

Oratorical – Cdr Aune

Nothing to report.

Building Committee-Field Day Events – Chris Hanson

Cdr Aune stated that Field Day Events will continue to be scheduled and that Monday's, 6 Jan 14 Field Day was cancelled due to low turnout.

Veterans Memorial Center – Orlyn Stensgard

Next meeting 13 Jan 14 at the Moorhead Legion at 5PM. This is a Veterans Project; all veterans are invited to attend. The meeting will discuss what finances the Center has secured so far as well as equipment. This September will mark the 4 year anniversary of working on this center.

Membership – 1st Vice Michele Olson

Not Present

Membership Drive 18 Jan 14 0900-1200hrs at the Legion.

Correspondence – Adjutant Hanson

Ms Carol Gray sent a letter to Post 2 stating her husband who passed away in March 2013 and proudly served in the Air Force for 23 years did not receive any burial benefits. Cdr Aune is going to turn this over to Bryan Watters the Legion Service Officer to make sure Mr Gray gets what he deserves as a Veteran

Sickness/Distress:

None Reported

Unfinished Business

None Reported

New Business

Endowment Fund: Mike Haugen brought up the idea of Post 2 looking into establishing an Endowment Fund. The fund would provide tax benefits both State and Federal besides providing another avenue for income for the Post.

The helmet was passed with a total of \$43.74 being collected to go to iTunes Cards.

Closing Prayer was given by Wayne Wermager.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully Submitted –

Jim Torkildson, 2nd Vice Commander