

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 4 December 2021

The meeting was called to order at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900 on 4 December 2021

Membership cards were verified by Officer of the Day Jerry Cupp

A salute to the Colors was given

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members present

Recognition of past Department, District and Post officers was given by Commander Green.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION: The Purpose of this Corporation shall be fraternal, patriotic, historical, charitable and educational; to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members; to assist worthy comrades; to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to assist their surviving spouses and orphans; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States of America and fidelity to its Constitution and laws; to foster true patriotism; to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom; and to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

Roll was taken with Entertainment Chairman John Mazzella and Public Affairs Chairman Bill Thomas excused. Bingo manager Jerry Walters was absent. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and accepted.

Jerry Lee Wedemeyer, Tim Robbins, and Daniel Nadel were approved for membership by acclamation.

Reports of Committees:

The Quartermaster's Report was given and is subject to audit. The trustees have completed the October audit.

Reading of Bills: No non-routine bills were presented.

Service Officer: Department is advertising for a new Assistant Service Officer

Surgeon/Comrade in distress: Bob Green, Barbara Green and Tami Veed

Chaplain's Report: Joel Nadel reported two members are deceased: Al Andrews Jr and Martin Kuettel. Joel reported that the next Post Muster will be held on 16 December at Cogstone Brewery at 1700.

Legislative: DJ Alberts reported that military projects are being put on hold due to no national budget.

Staff Judge Advocate: None

Post remodel committee: David Anthony reported that he has spoken with the contractor. The next decision will be on the kitchen layout. Rick Archuleta and Art Kimbrel will work on this project. Internet is in place. Volunteers will be renting a machine to help pull up the old carpet. Possible hurdle on opening from the health Department.

Grand Opening Committee: no report

Americanism: Vacant – Chairman needed

Buddy Poppies: Joel thanked everyone who helped with the Veterans Day poppy drive. Next drive 27-28 May 2022 for Memorial Day.

Community Service: No report

Entertainment: No Report

Membership: No report

Public Affairs: No report

VOD/Patriots Pen: Barbara will deliver the award packages to the student winners this coming week.

JROTC/ROTC: No report

Scouting: Vacant – Need chairman

Teacher of the Year: No applicant this year.

Public Servant/Safety: No report

Honor Guard: Vacant – Need chairman

Webmaster: No report

Adopt a Unit: Pizza lunch for the 2-77 FA Battalion is next Wednesday.

Bingo: 77 players on Friday but Carefree Bingo can hold many more.

Pikes Peak Veterans Council: A photo of Paul Bailey presenting our wreath has been posted on Facebook.

Crawford House: No report

House Committee: No report

Trustees: No report

National Home: Life membership \$50.

National Home Prayer: Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Chris Linski made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to support Kaitlan Kestrel who is having thoughts of suicide by having her mom stay at Peterson Lodging for a month. The donation is to help pay for mom's lodging. Duane Knutson mentioned that this sort of donation is the right thing to do to help lower suicide rates. The motion was approved.

Barbara Green made a motion to donate \$300 from Veterans Relief to purchase hand warmers, hats and gloves for homeless veterans. These items are passed out on the street from volunteers and are stored in backpacks. The motion was approved.

Good of the Order

Membership awards were passed out and Barbara Green received her 30 year VFW membership pin.

The Veterans Day assemblies at both Audubon Elementary School and Doherty High School were well run with all students in attendance.

Chris Linski is developing templates to help with recruiting and getting the word out about our Post.

Bob Green reminded members of the Wreaths Across America presentations at various cemeteries in our community on 18 December at 1000.

Chris Linski made a plea for more active members to join the Auxiliary. If they cannot get a quorum at their meetings they may be forced to turn in their charter. They meet the second Saturday of the month at Post 101 at 1030.

Closing prayer Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel
Flag salute: Given by members present

The meeting was closed at 0958. Next Post meeting, will be held on 5 February at 0900 American Legion Post 209.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Bob Green
Commander