

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 5 November 2022

The meeting was held at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900

The opening prayer was given

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Membership cards were verified

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

The roll was taken with Chaplain Paul Yuson excused, 3-Year Trustee Dana Wilkins absent, Entertainment John Mazzella absent, House Committee Chair Rick Archuleta absent, Public Affairs Benjy Benjamin absent, Color Guard Chairman TC Charles excused, and Veterans Council member Paul Bailey excused. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes were accepted as written

Membership: Chuck Potter, Navy, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Korea. Chuck's application was approved for membership.

The Quartermaster's Report was given by Quartermaster Eric Veed and is subject to audit. New bingo checks will be ordered with "void after 90 days" on them. We received our property tax-exempt status and a check (\$3600) from the state for the building.

Reports of Committees:

Service Officer: Lance Dyar. No report.

Surgeon Report: Duane Knutson. Tami Veed had recent surgery. Bob Green fell but is better now.

Chaplain's Report: Four deceased this month: Frank Armstrong, Eligio Rodriguez, Michael Proctor, and David Nuss.

Legislative: D J Alberts urged members to vote. The Defense Authorization Act has passed one house of congress.

Staff Judge Advocate: No report

Entertainment: No report.

House Committee: No report

Bingo: Ron Reneker. While the number of players has been down, pull tabs sales are high.

Membership: Currently at 92.44%. Need forty more to be at 100% plus one.

Community Activities: Let Barbara know of any community activities.

Pikes Peak Veterans Committee: No report.

Americanism: We have been invited to numerous Veterans Day activities. We were asked about a "Flag Ceremony". If we are interested, we need to have a team to practice and present this ceremony.

VOD/PP Barbara Green. We received five Voice of Democracy entries and three Patriot's Pen entries.

Teacher of the Year: Barbara Green. No Teacher of the Year entries this year.

JROTC/ROTC: Joel Nadel. No report

Poppies: Jerry Cupp. All set for Friday/Saturday Buddy Poppy drive.

Public Affairs: No report
Honor Guard: No report
Public Servant: Larry Johnson. No report
Scouting: Galen Steele No report
Adopt a Unit (2-77 FA): Paige Lanier. No report
Adopt a Unit (Space unit): Bob Green. No report.
National Home: Ron Reneker. No report.

National Home Prayer given by Galen Steele acting Chaplain

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Barbara Green made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to the Southern Colorado Honor Flight. Eric Veed second. The motion passed

Barbara Green made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to support Academy School District 20's JROTC drill meet to be held 25 February 2023. Eric Veed seconded. The motion passed.

Ron Reneker made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account to the MS Society Colorado Springs Walk. Duane Knutson second. The motion passed.

Barbara Green made a motion to donate \$500 from the Post account to purchase gift cards for the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen winners for 2022. Eric Veed seconded. The motion passed.

Good of the Order

Jim Griffith reported on the Homeless Veterans Stand Down which was held on 18 October. There were 78 organizations represented with 123 veterans in attendance. Seventy-four percent of the veterans were considered homeless by HUD standards. The Transitional Housing Initiative is housing 11 families with some getting housing this upcoming week.

Eric Veed reported that the second Grand Scratch for the Cooties will be held 19 October at VFW Post 3917 starting at 0900hrs.

Melody Living senior community has invited us to a veteran's wall ceremony on Veterans Day at 1400. All members are invited to attend. Bob and Barbara Green plan to attend.

Barbara is being interviewed by a Palmer High School journalism member.

Chuck Potter will represent the Post at a ceremony at Peyton High School on Veterans Day.

Closing prayer

Flag salute

The meeting was closed at 0950. The next Post meeting will be 3 December at American Legion Post 209 at 0900, donuts and coffee at 0800.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

Bob Green
Commander