

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 5 February 2022

The meeting was called to order at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900 on 5 February 2022.

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 Public affairs chairman Bill Thomas excused and Trustee/Legislative chairman D J Alberts and Pikes Peak Veterans Council representative Paul Bailey absent. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

A motion was made to dispense with the reading of the December meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Carlos Barera (reinstate), Michael Autrey Jr. (transfer) and Robert Benjamin (new annual) were approved for membership by acclimation.

Reports of Committees:

The Quartermaster's Report was given and is subject to audit. The trustees will complete the October-December Quarterly audit. After today's meeting.

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

Service Officer: No report

Surgeon/Comrade in distress: None reported

Chaplain's Report: Joel Nadel reported that Jerry Walter passed away on 20 January. Duane Knutson reported that Jerry's funeral service will be at PPNC at 1000 on 8 February. A reception will be held at American Legion Post 209 from 1100-1400 the same day.

Legislative: Barbara Green reported what she knows on the state legislature bill regarding electronic pull tabs. She will investigate further and report more next month.

Staff judge Advocate: No report

Post remodel committee: David Anthony reported that the city is approving permits and is charging less than expected. There will be a carpet pulling day 19 February 1000. The elevator construction is still

awaiting permits. The cost of the elevator is expected to be around 150k. David will check on the requirement to have a grease trap. This may be a requirement if we have a commercial dishwasher.

Grand Opening Committee: No report

Americanism: Vacant – Chairman needed

Buddy Poppies: No report

Community Service: No report

Entertainment: No Report

Membership: David mentioned needing younger members and welcomed those who came to the meeting today.

Public Affairs: No report

VOD/Patriots Pen: No report

JROTC/ROTC: Joel Nadel will contact the instructors in March as to when their award ceremonies will be held and the names of the recipients.

Scouting: Vacant – Need chairman

Teacher of the Year: No report

Public Servant/Safety: No report

Honor Guard: Vacant – Need chairman

Webmaster: No report

Adopt a Unit (Army) Paige Lanier reported that the 2-77FA will be in training this year.

Adopt a Unit (Space Command) Bob Green reported that he is in contact with a Space Command unit (16 SPCS (Space Control Squadron)) to become our adopt a unit. If we get this unit we should have the first Space Command adopt a unit in the VFW.

Bingo: Ron Reneker is the new bingo games manager. There will be no bingo on 8 February due to Jerry's funeral service. More volunteers are needed.

Pikes Peak Veterans Council: No report.

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: Thank you letter from the Red Cross for our donation of \$200 for tornado relief.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Jerry Cupp made a motion to donate \$250 to defray costs of the Suoi Tre memorial service/reunion in March. Paige Lanier second. The motion passed. Jerry and Paige were in this battle during the Viet Nam war.

Eric Veed has changed our address in Google and Mapquest. For \$50 a month a company will change our address in other places on internet. This expenditure will be discussed further by officers of the Post.

Good of the Order

Commander Green mentioned that nominations for elected offices will be taken at the March meeting. Elections will be held at the April meeting with nominations accepted from the floor.

State Commander Barbara Green reported that the State Convention will be held 8-10 June in Canon city. Post delegates will need to be elected.

Joel Nadel commented that more members need to use Facebook and the website to get information on the Post.

John Mazzella reported that Ruth Beham has passed away.

Larry Johnson would like to provide an email newsletter and requested emails and phone numbers of Post members. Barbara Green told him that this information would not be given out. In conversation with current and past commanders it was decided that the monthly meeting minutes will be posted on the website and advertised on Facebook and will serve as the Post newsletter until the new building is occupied when a newsletter might be published.

With Chris Linski's resignation Larry Johnson has been appointed Staff Judge Advocate and Galen Steele and Duane Knutson have been appointed trustees. These appointments are good until 30 June.

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 March at 0900 at American Legion Post 209.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Bob Green
Commander