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Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 3 July 2021

The meeting was called to order at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900 on 3 July 2021.

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain Joel Nadel.

A salute to the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Membership cards were verified by Officer of the Day Jerry Cupp

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 Sr. Vice Commander George Hammar, Webmaster Bill Thomas and Legislative Chairman DJ Alberts excused.

Minutes were unavailable.

One new member was approved for membership and initiated. Steven Lucks, Navy, Vietnam, GWOT, Desert Storm and Iraq. Steve will be a life member and his application was approved by the membership.

The Quartermaster's Report was given and is subject to audit. 2nd quarter audit was completed 3 July 2021.

Reading of Bills: The charge for renewal of the website was paid. Five months worth of "rent" was paid to American Legion Post 209 also.

Reports of Committees:

Chaplain's Report: No members reported deceased this month. The Chaplain's prayer was given

Staff judge Advocate: No report.

Surgeon Report/Comrade in Distress: Duane Knutson reported that DJ Alberts had recent cancer surgery. Eric Veed reported that DJ is recovering nicely.

Americanism: No report

Buddy Poppies: No report

Community Service: Barbara Green urged members to report Community Service hours.

Entertainment: No Report

Membership: Chris Linski reported year end totals on membership as 556 members for 96.36%

Legislative Report: Chris Linski reported that the VFW requests that members contact their representatives to urge passage of the Toxic Exposure bill in Congress.

Public Affairs: Bill Thomas and Ron Marshall interviewed LeRoy Jensen on the eve of his 100th birthday. Bill will post on the website and hopes to get an article in The Gazette also. Rick Archuleta is working on LeRoy's birthday party which will be on 31 July from 1400-1600 at American legion Post 209.

VOD/Patriots Pen: No report.

JROTC/ROTC: No report

Scouting: Ron Marshall and Bob Green reported that the Boy Scouts are losing members and that with the addition of female members the name is now Scouts. American Legion Post 209 has an all female Scout troop that has three Eagle Scouts.

Teacher of the Year: The rules have changed for the next reporting period.

Public Servant/Safety: Vacant no report

Honor Guard: Vacant no report

Webmaster: No report

Adopt a Unit: No report

Bingo: Bingo is doing well. They had 78 players yesterday and pull tabs are busy also. Always need more volunteers.

Pikes Peak Veterans Council: Paul made a motion to donate \$500 from the bingo account for the proposed Gold Star families' memorial in Memorial Park. Eric second. The motion passed. The Marine Corps birthday ball will be 6 November at the Double Tree hotel. Paul will write a letter from the Post urging the Colorado Springs Parks Department to restore that area that is used for Memorial Day activities. Paul will also get photos. Eric will send the request to other District Posts. The Veterans Day parade is scheduled for 6 November. Registration is open on the website. Paul still needs the letter appointing him to the Veteran's Council. Paul will get more information on possibly donating an eagle statue to a deserving Air Force Academy cadet.

Crawford House: No report

House Committee: No report

Trustees: No report

Transition Committee: Eric Veed reported that the building on Academy and Lehman was sold to another buyer. We are looking at a building on Academy near Constitution but waiting to find out how much renovation would cost. If under \$750,000 a letter of Intent (LOI) will be proposed to purchase this building. The renovation would include putting in an elevator as the building is not ADA compliant. Eric made a motion with Paige's second that the Transition Committee be allowed to put in a LOI for an appropriate building that costs less than 1.6 million. This LOI is not binding as a vote of the membership would still be necessary. Duane commented that having an LOI in place gets us more information on the building. The motion was approved. If we do not find a building within the next few months our bond on nearly two million dollars will be \$9,000. A motion was made for a Special meeting to discuss the purchase and vote on the purchase at the same meeting. This speeds up the process. The auxiliary will be invited to the discussion portion of the meeting only. Within 30 days of the LOI, Department needs to be notified and approve of the purchase. Notice to members (in writing) 14 days in advance of the vote and 10 days notification in advance of the special meeting. The LOI motion and Special meeting motion were approved.

National Home: Chris Linski reminded members of the \$50 National Home life membership charge.

National Home Prayer: Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel.

Correspondence: Minutes and financial statements from the Pikes Peak Veteran's Committee.

Unfinished Business

The canopy and tablecloth have been ordered. The canopy has arrived and will be stored in the storage shed we are renting at Public Storage. A source of items for membership drives is needed. Rick and David know of sources.

New Business:

Chris Linski made a motion that a \$50 check written in December be voided. Paige second. Motion approved.

Paige Lanier made a motion to send \$100 to National VFW's National Military Service from Veterans Relief. This is a requirement for All American. Motion passed.

David Anthony made a motion that the Post purchase enough Buddy Poppies for 5 per member not to exceed 3,000 poppies. The motion passed.

Chris Linski made a motion for an advertising budget not to exceed \$5,000 from the bingo account. The motion passed.

Eric Veed made a motion that the \$100 memoriam received on behalf of Barb Bacon be deposited in Veterans Relief. The motion passed.

Good of the Order

Paige Lanier reported that Mt. Carmel is in need of furniture and other household items for veteran families. Tom Miller is the POC.

Paige Lanier announced that food distribution happens every other week at Mt. Carmel for needy veteran families. The food can be delivered, but they prefer that the families come to Mt. Carmel to pick up the food.

Chris Linski reported on United to Combat Hunger a joint effort between National VFW and Humana. More details to come on this program. Grants are available.

The Colorado Technical University scholarship deadline has been extended to 15 July.

Silver Key needs more volunteers.

If members are interested in getting more involved in District or Department level for VFW please see Chris or Barbara

For interest in the Military Order of the Cooties see Eric Veed, Bob Green, Chris Linski or Barbara Green.

Closing prayer Given by Chaplain Joel Nadel

Flag salute: Given by members present

The meeting was closed at 1035. Next Post meeting 7 August at 0900 at American Legion Post 209.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant