

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 2 July 2022

The meeting was held at American Legion Post 209 and opened by Commander Bob Green at 0900 hrs. There were 14 members present.

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 Joel Nadel, and Service Officer Lance Dyar excused. Trustees Dana Wilkins and Tom Permuy, House Committee chair, Rick Archuleta, Public Affairs, Webmaster Benjy Benjamin were absent. All other elected or appointed officers were present at the meeting.

Minutes were read and accepted as written.

Membership: One new member Robert Raulerson Jr. Barbara made a motion with DJ seconding that we accept this member. Motion Approved. Robert is currently Active Duty Air Force stationed in Japan but will be moving here in February upon his retirement. Eligibility Iraq.

The Quartermaster's Report was given by Quartermaster Eric Veed and is subject to audit.

Reports of Committees:

Service Officer: Excused. No report.

Surgeon Report: Barbara Green and Tami Veed were reported as in distress. Duane mentioned that LeRoy Jensen's daughter Patty passed away recently.

Chaplain's Report: Two deceased members this month: Merlin Jans and John Gaston.

Legislative Report: D J Alberts gave a short report.

Staff Judge Advocate: No report

Entertainment: John Mazzella reported on the International Dance Club which is having dances.

House Committee: Absent. No Report

Bingo: Need volunteers. Bingo revenue has been increasing.

Membership: End of Year membership is at 533.

Community Activities: Let Barbara know of any community activities. Commander Bob Green mentioned that the Fountain Post made the news yesterday for an activity they are having this weekend.

Pikes Peak Veterans Committee: Paul Bailey reported that there will be two ceremonies for Veterans Day – one at PPNC and one at Memorial Park. Paul will represent at Memorial Park so we need someone to represent at the National Cemetery. Eric mentioned the Veterans Day parade on 5 November. As we no longer have a parade trailer we need members willing to walk the parade.

Americanism: No report

VOD/PP/Teacher of the Year: Barbara made a motion that we sponsor the District 5 first-place award of \$350 for the 2023-2024 awards. The motion passed. The money may come from Veterans Relief or bingo.

JROTC/ROTC: No report

Poppies: No report

Trustees: The quarterly report was completed, and Eric will send a copy to Rita at Department Headquarters

Public Affairs: No report

Honor Guard: Theron Charles has offered to be the Honor Guard commander. David Anthony and Eric Veed volunteered to help.

Adopt a Unit: No report

Crawford House: No report

Transition Committee: David reported that it is time to decide on flooring and the color of the flooring. Also need to select interior paint color. There is a prediction that the original budget of \$800k will need to be \$850k due to rising costs. Engineers say that the electrical for the building is in good shape. There needs to be a structural analysis of the soil for the elevator shaft. David made a motion that the work on getting a liquor license should begin as that could take up to nine months. Art commented that instead of a normal Club liquor license we consider a Foundation for the bar and not need to spend the money on a club liquor license. It was suggested that we hire an attorney who knows about non-profit liquor licenses. Eric will contact someone to get a definitive answer on this issue. The amended motion passed. The roof has a leak. A motion was made by David to spend no more than \$1,000 to get this leak repaired. Motion approved. David made a motion to sell the donated treadmill for \$250-\$500. Motion passed. We are not to accept donations, especially those we have no need for. They can go to Goodwill while Silver Key and DAV will take wheelchairs and walkers. David made a motion to take the pool table that American Legion Post has offered us (they are getting a new pool table). The cost of moving the table and some repairs is estimated at \$1,000. The motion passed. The game room will need to be cleared out for renovation, so delaying taking the pool table is fine. David feels that we will get younger members who will use the pool table. The old pool table and foosball table at the old Post home sold for around \$300.

National Home: Always looking for new life members. One-time payment of \$50.

National Home Prayer

Correspondence: None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

Barbara made a motion to pay fees for herself and Commander Green to attend the upcoming National Convention in Kansas City. Motion passed

Barbara made a motion since it is the beginning of the new fraternal year, that we pay for up to 10 memberships for needy members and those annual members who are over 90 years old. The motion passed.

Good of the Order

Barbara brought birthday cards for members to fill out for LeRoy who will be 101 on 31 July. The Post will pay postage.

Barbara mentioned the 1st place hospital award that the Post received even though she doesn't understand why we received this award as our hospital (and that of the auxiliary also) wasn't very good.

Bob mentioned that there is a new private veteran's home near St Francis hospital. He will investigate what we can do to help the veterans there

On 7 July Commander Bob and Adjutant Barbara will present checks in the amount of \$5,000 to the Mt. Carmel Food pantry after which we will receive a check for \$5,000 from the VFW National food pantry fund.

Closing prayer

Flag salute

The meeting was closed at 1015. The next Post meeting will be on 6 August at American Legion Post 209 at 0900, with donuts and coffee at 0800.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

Bob Green
Commander