

Minutes of VFW Post 4051  
Meeting of 4 November 2023

The meeting was held at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051 and opened by Commander David Anthony at 0900. There were 25 members present. 23 members present at the October meeting. Before the Meeting Sunny Ramchandani gave a talk on the new health clinic, Flagship Health, opening in Colorado Springs on 5 December. The grand opening will be held at American Legion Post 209 that day from 1600-1900. Everyone is invited.

The opening prayer was given by Acting Chaplain Jim Griffith

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Membership cards were verified

Roll was taken with Chaplain P J Yuson and Staff Judge Advocate / Honor Guard Chairman T C Charles excused. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes were not taken at the October meeting so some October meeting information will be incorporated into the November minutes.

Membership: November: Jerald Riles, Army Life transfer; David Gilbert, Navy and Air Force Life Transfer; Richard Cote, Army, Life transfer. Galen Steele made a motion to accept these new members as a group. Larry Johnson second. The motion passed. Membership October – Michael Herndon Navy Life Transfer, Matthew Hoekstra, Air Force, new, Anthony Patalano, Air force new Aaron Vitone, Army, transfer.

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

**Reports of Committees:**

Commander Anthony asked that the committee chairmen not report unless reports of significance as some members wanted to join the Veterans Day parade downtown.

**Service Officer:** Lance Dyar. No report.

**Chaplain's Report:** No deceased this month nor in October

**Membership:** Currently at 90.83%

**Poppies:** Jerry Cupp. Breakfast at IHOP 0800 11 November. Poppy distribution Friday 1600-2000 and Saturday 0900-1500 at the Big R at Powers and constitution.

**House Committee:** Art Kimbrel spoke on the kitchen which is almost complete. He is hoping to serve breakfast at the next Post meeting.

**Renovation:** \$100,000 was approved at the October meeting to put a new roof on the building. Commander Anthony spoke on the new roof and mentioned that the cost should be no more than \$75,000. Claiming the roof on insurance (\$40,000 deductible) is a lengthy process as is getting the previous owner to pay for the new roof. These avenues may or may not be pursued.

**Bingo:** Ron is getting the bingo license renewed soon.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Al Hitchins made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the bingo account for the Colorado Springs MS walk. The motion was approved.

Bob Green made a motion to donate \$1500 from the Post Veterans relief fund for care packages for the 16 EWS which will be our newest Adopt A Unit group. The motion was approved.

Bob made a motion to donate \$340 to Wreaths Across America from the bingo account. The motion was approved.

Jerry Cupp made a motion to donate \$1,000 to Care and Share from the bingo account. The motion was approved.

Art Kimbrel made a motion to donate \$600 from the Post General account for gift cards for Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen essay winners. The motion was approved.

Ron Reneker made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the VFW National Home for Children from the bingo account. The motion was approved.

Eric Veed made a motion to add House Committee chairman, Art Kimbrel, to the Club bank account and get him a checkbook and debit card for that account. The motion passed.

October donations to Honor Flight of Southern Colorado. Toys for Tots and Christmas Unlimited.

**Good of the Order**

Barbara Green reported that about half of the \$25,000 tobacco fund grant has been spent. She thanked her "team" for helping decide on grant requests to approve or disapprove. Duane Knutson commented that he would like to see the grant renewed each year.

Bob Green reported that Wreaths Across America day will be 16 December at 1000 at local cemeteries.

We have Welcome Home coins for new members.

Commander Anthony thanked the volunteers. He would like to have the Post open for a couple of hours each day to allow for potential new members and transfer members to come in to get signed up for membership.

Paige Lanier commented that the Gazette will publish for free information on veterans organizations once a week.

Life member and member ball caps are available for purchase for \$20.

**Closing prayer** Given by Chaplain Jim Griffith.

**Flag salute**

The meeting was adjourned at 1005. The next Post meeting will be 2 December the Post Home at 0900.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Green  
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

David Anthony  
Commander