

Minutes of VFW Post 4051
Meeting of 2 December 2023

The meeting was held at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4051 and opened by Commander David Anthony at 1000. There were 27 members present. Commander Anthony thanked Art Kimbrel and his team for preparing breakfast.

The opening prayer was given by Chaplain P J Yuson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Membership cards were verified.

The Congressional Charter was recited.

Roll was taken with Service Officer/Trustee Lance Dyar excused. All other elected and appointed officers were present.

Minutes from the October/November meetings were approved.

Membership: Gary Shrewsbury, Viet Nam - Annual; Dustin Halliwell, Army, Iraq, Afghanistan – Annual; Kyle Burrell, Marines, Iraq - Reinstated; Darrell Newman, Army, Iraq - Life Transfer; David Riley, Marines, Desert Storm - Life Transfer. These new members were approved as a group.

The Quartermaster's Report was read by Quartermaster Eric Veed and is subject to audit. Buddy Poppy money of nearly \$800 will be deposited next week.

Reports of Committees:

Service Officer: Lance Dyar. Excused No report.

Chaplain's Report: Chaplain Yuson draped the Charter for four deceased members – Kenneth Hampton, Arthur Martinez, Kenneth Nelson and James Killion.

Comrades in Distress: The spouses of Lance Dyar and Ron Reneker are having major health issues.

Membership: Currently at 91.63%

House Committee: Art Kimbrel thanked his breakfast helpers. Still need an electric pump for the dishwasher. Real plates for next month's breakfast.

Surgeon: Duane Knutson, No report

Trustees: No report

Americanism: Vacant

Poppies: Jerry Cupp, Collected nearly \$800 at the November Buddy Poppy drive.

Community Activities: Commander Anthony, Open Mic night on Thursdays coming soon. Our goal as a Post is to help veterans.

Entertainment: Commander Anthony would like to know the type of bands the membership likes

VOD, PP, Teacher of the Year: Barbara Green, Programs complete for this year. Victoria (VOD) and Brenna (PP) essays have been moved on to District for further judging.

Scouts: Two Scout leaders were at the meeting. Cub Scout pack should be meeting at the building on Monday evenings soon. The Scout troops meet on Tuesday evenings and the Scoutmaster is grateful for the facility.

Public Servant: Larry Johnson, No report

Honor Guard: T C Charles, No report

Webmaster: Ron Reneker No report

Bingo: Ron Reneker, Ron thanked the volunteers. He cancelled bingo on Black Friday due to the cold weather. Please consider volunteering for a good time and free lunch.

Renovation: Complete except for a few bills that will be coming.

Adopt-A-Unit: 2-77 FA returning from deployment in March; 16 EWS PJ received the certificate designating them as our Adopt-A-Unit and received a MAP grant of \$2,000 for their holiday party.

National Home Prayer: Given by Chaplain Yuson.

Correspondence: Thank you letters from Honor Flight of Southern Colorado and the MS Society, a thank you letter from Sarah Vaughn, second place Patriot Pen winner, and a resignation letter as Post adjutant from Barbara Green.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business:

P J Yuson has a thank you letter for the grant. One third of the unit is deployed at a time. They would like to speak with Viet Nam veterans.

Al Hitchens made a motion to spend \$12,300 for pull tab machines for the Post. Seconded. After discussion, the motion was defeated.

Paige Lanier made a motion to donate \$1,000 from the Post account for the 2-77 FA welcome home party. Seconded. The motion passed.

Jim Griffith made a motion to donate \$2,000 from the bingo account for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Seconded. The motion passed.

Jerry cup made a motion to donate \$500 from Joint task Force at CMSFS to feed dinner to military members. This donation would come from the Post account. The motion was seconded and approved.

James Pines made a motion to donate \$1000 from the bingo account to the Springs Rescue Mission. Seconded. The motion passed.

Ron Reneker made a motion to donate \$1,000 for the Marian House Soup kitchen from the bingo account. Seconded. The motion was approved.

Matthew Hoekstra made a motion that the Post continue to support three Scout units to be able to meet at the Post. Seconded. The motion passed.

Good of the Order

Barbara Green reported that \$15,862.40 of the \$25,000 grant money has been allocated.

Art Kimbrel plans to cook breakfast for 50 people for next month's breakfast.

Travis Baker, District 5 Commander said that he is pleased to see our Post up and running. He especially noted the three Scout troops/packs meeting at the Post. District 5 is doing well at 92% in membership overall. He encouraged the Post to reach out to District leadership if needed. He also mentioned the open house for Flagship Health on 6 December at American Legion Post 209.

Paige Lanier thanked Art for breakfast this morning.

Dustin Halliwell, who is a clinical social worker, spoke on a PTSD support group which will be meeting at the Post on Tuesdays from 1000-1130.

Barbara Green has Post baseball caps for sale for \$20 each.

Ron Reneker will be taking food collected to Marian House. Mt Carmel is gathering new clothes, shoes and linens for Transitional Housing families.

Closing prayer Given by Chaplain P J Yuson.

Flag salute

The meeting was adjourned at 1100. The next Post meeting will be 6 January 2024 at the Post Home with opening at 0900, break for breakfast and the meeting will resume at 1000.

Barbara Green
Adjutant

Approved/Disapproved

David Anthony
Commander