

**AMERICAN LEGION Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1  
POST MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2018**

The monthly meeting of the Loyd Spetz post No. 1 of the American Legion Department of North Dakota was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commander, Scott Rising. Attendance is as follows:

Commander	Scott Rising	Present
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Janette Fetch	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Ray Geffre	Present
Post Adjutant	Janette Fetch	Present
Finance Officer	Bob Wefald	Absent
Sergeant at Arms	Bill McManus	Present
Historian	Bob Bird	Present
Veteran Service Officer	Mark Landis	Absent
Chaplain	Rick Kramlich	Present

**REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

The finance report numbers from the executive committee meeting were reported. Current Money Market value \$31,732.70 and checkbook balance \$4,179.51.

**MEMBERSHIP. 2018 GOAL: 668**

Post membership is at 592. 76 legionnaires needed to reach the post goal of 668. Robert Johnson is our newest PUFL member.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

The Fargo VA will host a Town Hall event at the Bismarck AMVETS Club on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. CST. The purpose of the Town Hall is to share information, hear feedback, and answer questions about VA health care and benefits. For more information call the Fargo VA at 701-239-3724.

**BASEBALL**

Russ Kroshus is meeting with Parks and Rec referencing an inquiry about 15-16 year olds playing class B. The Capitals would have an A and B team.

**BOYS STATE**

Three young men interested in Boys State will be stopping by the office tonight.

**NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will be printed in the next week, distribution made before Memorial Day.

**OPEN YOUR HEART**

**DISTRICT / CONVENTION**

If any Legionnaires plan on attending the State Convention in Fargo which will be held June 22-24, please contact the post adjutant, Janette Fetch at 258-3101.

The American Legion National Convention is hosted in different cities each year. This year, the National Convention is being held in Minneapolis, MN. The American Legion returns to the city that hosted its first

National Convention to kick off its centennial celebration. August 24-30, 2018 at the Minneapolis Convention Center, 1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S., Minneapolis, MN 55403.

### **WEBSITE**

The website has been updated and the improvements are very positive.

### **ORATORICAL**

The National competition was held in Indianapolis on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Vern Fetch has been attending this competition for 34 consecutive years. The winner of the 81<sup>st</sup> American Legion Oratorical Contest is a young lady from Kentucky, Carlissa Frederich. She won \$18,500. Second place winner from Minnesota, Emily Parker, won \$16,500 and third place winner from California, Nathan York, won \$14,500. All contestants also received \$1,500 for participating in the contest. The students have ten years to use these scholarships. 54 contestants compete in the National competition.

Vern Fetch made a motion to present a monetary donation of \$50.00 from the post for the student that participates in the District Contest and is sponsored by the Loyd Spetz Post 1. Each post in District 5 can only have one sponsored student competing in the District contest. The top three winners receive money from the State HQ. If the student sponsored by the Loyd Spetz Post 1 places in the top three or not, he or she will receive \$50.00 from the post no matter what. The motion was second by Russ Kroshus, voted on by the post. Motion carried.

### **HISTORIAN**

No Report

### **HONOR GUARD**

No Report

### **ACTIVITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Thank you everyone that participated in Poppy Day. The stations the Legionnaires manned received \$1,126.00 in donations for the Post 1 Auxiliary Unit that will be utilized to support veterans in our community.

**GOLF:** The golf scramble is August 25 at 1:00 p.m. with a shot gun start. \$70.00 includes the 18 holes, cart, and meal. The meal will probably be held at the AMVETS Club after the scramble. We will have the same teams as last year, adding one more team for sure this year. AMVETS and VFW will hang flyers for our event. The golf scramble balls will be purchased from the Country Club. We need assistance at Registration, assistance at the turns and for the meal itself. If you would like to volunteer, please get ahold of Rick Kramlich at 701-509-9611 or his email at [rickramlich@gmail.com](mailto:rickramlich@gmail.com) or you can email the at [post1@midconetork.com](mailto:post1@midconetork.com).

### **MEMORIAL DAY:**

The Memorial Day event is being hosted by the DAV Chapter 3 this year. It will be held Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, starting at 9:45 a.m. at the Heritage Center. It is starting earlier this year to ensure everyone can make it out to the Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Day Program which starts at noon.

**PICNIC:** The American Legion Post picnic is will be held on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jaycee Hall, Shelter 1.

## **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

There will be an SAL meeting on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the AMVETS. The SAL meetings will be held the third Monday of each month.

## **BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS**

The newly elected officers were sworn in by District 5 Vice Commander, Jared Klempel. Commander Janette Fetch, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Ray Geffre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Russ Kroshus, Chaplain Rick Kramlich, Historian Bob Bird, and Sergeant-At-Arms Al Walker were present to be sworn into their new positions with the Loyd Spetz Post 1.

## **SICK CALL**

John Laframboise had a heart attack recently.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS**

Scott Rising attended the WWI Arbor Day event, he said it went well.

## **NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The post received correspondence requesting financial support for the Cops-N-Kids Fishing Derby and Youth Mentoring Program. The post supports this event every year with a \$25.00 donation.

The North Dakota American Legion group announces a Step for Veterans Event that will raise money for homeless veterans in the state. This event is hosted by the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee and the event can be done from any location through July. To sign up, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/july-step-challenge-tickets-45086706553?aff=es2>. Once registered, participants will receive a Challenge Runner account via email that allows them to sync their steps from a smart phone or fitness watch. For more information, email the committee at: [ndlegionvar@gmail.com](mailto:ndlegionvar@gmail.com)

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