

**AMERICAN LEGION Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1
POST MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 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, Janette Fetch. Attendance is as follows:

Commander	Janette Fetch	Present
1 st Vice Commander	Ray Geffre	Absent
2 nd Vice Commander	Russ Kroshus	Absent
Post Adjutant	Janette Fetch	Present
Finance Officer	Bob Wefald	Absent
Sergeant at Arms	Al Walker	Absent
Historian	Bob Bird	Present
Veteran Service Officer	Mark Landis	Present
Chaplain	Rick Kramlich	Absent

GUESTS:

REPORTS

FINANCE

Ed Stern noted the report is unchanged from the Executive Board Finance Report

MEMBERSHIP

Membership goal for 2019 is 640. Current 2019 memberships renewed is 273. Post attempt to reach out to 36 unpaid 2018 members and 11 renewed, two chose to pay for 2019. We have a new PUFL member and a new post transfer that will be a PUFL as well. The post gained two new memberships.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Ron Otto is back at home and there will be a benefit breakfast at the Mandan Eagles on September 22, 2018 from 3-8 p.m. Cost is free will donations. There will be a silent auction (auction items needed), a 50/50 raffle and possible gun raffle, and a four person pinochle tournament at 10:00 a.m. costing \$20.00 per person, to enter call 426-6379. This benefit is to help cover medical expenses.

BASEBALL

Fargo was the ND representative to the Central Region Tournament

BOYS STATE

No Report

NEWSLETTER

Monthly newsletter articles for the October issue are due on the 20th of September 2018.

OPEN YOUR HEART

No Report

DISTRICT / CONVENTION

The District 5 Fall Convention will be held on September 19, 2018 in Bismarck, ND. The Post is looking for recommendations for a meal, it was suggested to keep with the same meal the AMVETS is serving that evening.

WEBSITE

No Report

ORATORICAL

Waiting for the District meeting for the dates of the District 5 competition.

HISTORIAN

Report is in progress

HONOR GUARD

No Report

ACTIVITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS

Golf Tournament on August 25, 2018

Picnic on September 9, 2018 at Jaycee Park. Arnie will purchase a beer permit for the picnic so if members want to bring their own beer, they can do so.

Centennial Celebration – plan to hold it in conjunction with the Spring District Meeting. Dan is willing to be on the committee. Arnie noted a possibility of the Post sponsoring the dinner.

SAL

Dan Sauerwein noted the charter application is in the mail and will be holding a meeting as part of the Post Picnic.

BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS

SICK CALL

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS

TR 4 Ride and Share sent a thank you letter to the post for donating \$200.00 in order for the agency to purchase rider helmets.

NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Brats with the Brave; Native Honor Flight; ND Veteran Deer/Elk Hunter;

Meeting with Senator Heitkamp on August 17 (Mark Landis may be present at this meeting). The Salvation Army is part of the Direct Your Dollars Program. Turn in your Dan's Supermarket receipts to the Salvation Army, the receipts collected will be used to gain additional funds to be used to serve the needs of our community.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION

Commander Fetch discussed how the Officer's Guide notes how the Pledge of Allegiance is supposed to be conducted, which we currently do differently that can cause confusion when attending other Legion functions outside the Post; Vern Fetch noted that the constitution preamble language may need to be updated.

Arnie Havelka conducted the gift card drawing.