

**AMERICAN LEGION Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1**  
**POST MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 9, 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 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Ray Geffre	Present
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Russ Kroshus	Absent
Post Adjutant	Janette Fetch	Present
Finance Officer	Bob Wefald	Present
Sergeant at Arms	Al Walker	Present
Historian	Bob Bird	Present
Veteran Service Officer	Mark Landis	Present
Chaplain	Rick Kramlich	Present

**GUESTS:**

Shear Huntington, Post 1 Boys' State Representative, spoke to the legionnaires about his experience at Boys State 2018. He stressed the opportunities afforded to him by the program and was elected State Auditor of Boys State. He was recruited by his science teacher at Shiloh Christian, who placed a poster up in the school. It was suggested that his science teacher (who recruited him to attend Boys State) should set up a meeting with juniors to get interest for the program. Shear Huntington thought that would be an excellent idea, and he would speak to the juniors at this meeting to let them know of the great opportunity.

**REPORTS**

**FINANCE**

Edward Jones Money Market Account: \$17,086. Checkbook balance: \$7,589.

The two new Edward Jones CD's will be transferred this week. \$10,000 six month @ 2.05% annual interest. \$10,000 one year @ 2.35% annual interest. 1 CD will come due every 6 months.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Membership goal for 2018 is 668, current members renewed is 600. Arnie Havelka reported nine members paid 2018 dues on his door to door efforts. We have a new PUFL member and a transfer. Arnie will be going out door to door next Saturday. Many of the legionnaires that have not paid for their 2018 memberships are renewing for 2018 and 2019. During his door to door efforts for legion renewals, he has sold a couple flags in the process.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER**

Performance audit report for the State VA was passed around to the membership. He highlighted the Department has been using a private service to host veterans records without permission, which is a requirement in state law. In addition, he noted that the VA violated state law and constitution using money to work with a 501c3 organization. \$115,000 in private monies were put into the state account for the VA. Essentially, the oversight committee was not doing their job.

## **BASEBALL**

Arnie Havelka delivered the Baseball report in Russ Kroshus's absence. Ticket sales are still going on. Softball placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Devils Lake Tournament last weekend.

## **BOYS STATE**

No Report

## **NEWSLETTER**

No report beyond what was read in the Executive Committee Minutes

## **OPEN YOUR HEART**

Open Your Heart dates are December 1, 2018 for shopping day at Target and the broadcast. December 21 is sorting day and December 22 is the delivery day.

## **DISTRICT / CONVENTION**

Bob Krause

The vote at the national convention was to not increase membership dues (NEC-National Executive Committee). The way they managed to make this happen is by deduction of 44 employees throughout the Indianapolis and Washington D.C. headquarters through retirements. They removed some of the offices and rented them out to other businesses (in the Washington building, there are offices in Washington and Indianapolis). Dues stay the same for another year.

Heidi Heitkamp was present and talked about the new assistance for veterans, 70% or above to take advantage of you VA benefits. ND has the highest increase in suicides.

Hoeven and Cramer had representatives and read a letter.

There are two new scholarships coming out, one from the ND legion riders (\$500.00) and one from District 8 (legion riders) to all high school students in North Dakota.

- ND legion riders gave more money per capita to national legion riders. The ND legion riders have now decided they are no longer going to send their money to national any longer.
- District 8 legion riders are way more organized and already have money to offer scholarships to youth.

Each post, depending upon the size, will determine how many delegate (votes) at the state convention. For each 50 people that you have in your post, you get one delegate (one vote). We have 600 members so we get 12 votes. If you have a previous state commander in your post, you get an additional vote. You do not need to be present at the convention, you can send a delegate and that delegate can use all 12 of our votes. If the post decides to pay registration for 12 people, than the people attending the conference from Post 1 can utilize all 12 votes. If the state only pays for the actual people that are present, then that is the number of votes they can use at the convention.

Lisbon home for seniors is 125 years in September, 2018. The DAV talked about taking a Van to this event.

Job services noted there are 16,000 jobs available in ND, with emphasis on truck driving and electricians.

Maime Havelka delivered the credentials report, noting the Department Commander is Glenn Wahus, the Commander Elect is Ken Wiederholt, and the other elected to Department Officers. There were 168 delegates representing 63 posts.

New District 5 Commander: Jared Klempel (from Hazelton)

Vice District 5 Commander: Jon Kassy (from Wishek)

Arnie was on the board to review the Consolidated Post Reports. Minot was the recipient of the award. Arnie noted that the old written long form was much easier to read than the electronic version of the Consolidated Post Report. Arnie recommended that our post keep a spreadsheet of events, dollars, personnel and hours so the post report can be more accurate.

#### **WEBSITE**

No Report

#### **ORATORICAL**

No Report

#### **HISTORIAN**

#### **HONOR GUARD**

No Report

#### **ACTIVITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Picnic on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Jaycee Park. The food will consist of Brats, Hotdogs, Chips, and Sweet Corn. Ray Geffre will bring the sweet corn. Legionnaires are asked to bring a dish to share (salad or dessert).

Golf Scramble on August 25, 2018. We have seven confirmed teams. Rick Kramlich needs assistance with registration, shotgun kick off at 1p.m., needs help from 11:00-1:00 p.m. The cost again is \$70.00 per person.

#### **BALLOTING AND APPLICATIONS**

#### **SICK CALL**

No Report

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS / OLD BUSINESS**

Checks are written for those legionnaires that attended the State Convention (\$75.00 per legionnaire)

#### **NEW BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE LEGION**

Arnie Havelka met with Shiloh Christian School about the flag folding program for the school. The school was receptive to Legionnaires attending classes to speak about flag etiquette and learn how to properly fold the American Flag, and proper disposal.

**SAL**

Dan Sauerwein updated on the SAL status. We are approved by the DEC (Department Executive Committee) to charter and need two new members in order to charter.