

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: 6May2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Officers in Attendance: Russ Kroshus, Wayne Maruska, Dan Rustvang, Janette Fetch, Ed Stern, Bob Wefald, Mamie Havelka

### **Financial Report**

Cashed in the CD that came due and bought a 60K CD at 5.1% for one year. CD for \$50K coming due on 17Jul2024, we will renew that CD. We still have a large chunk of money in First Security Bank checking. Post 1 gaming is a quarterly check to the post. Post 1 has not received a recent quarterly check. Mamie just received the quarterly statement so the checks will be written this week. Post 1 has not received quarterly checks for awhile due to the post being in the red when we lost Jacks and Rusty's gaming sites. The gaming committee decides when the quarterly checks will be written to the post.

### **Gaming Update:**

No more contracts with gaming. Runners have to be members of auxiliary, SAL or legion. Runners need a W-2 if hired, and only 1099 NEC if members of auxiliary, SAL, or legion. Mamie has to testify in September against AGS.

**Gaming Report:** Received ten requests and granted six.

Abbey Skinner (veteran): \$200

Bismarck Lions Club: \$200

Cops N Kids: \$200.00

ND Veterans Home Foundation Golf Event: \$150

Legacy Girls Dive and Boosters: \$200

ND Veterans Cemetery Foundation: \$2,000.00

Total: \$2,950.00

### **Future Meetings for June, July, and August:**

All meetings will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

Gaming: 6:00 p.m.

Executive Committee: 6:30 p.m.

Post Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**Department Commanders Homecoming:** 28 September 2024. The charges for all meals will be \$20.00 each. The final cost will be about \$35.00 each and the post will pick up the remaining dollar amount. The homecoming will be the Department Commander, Department Auxiliary President, and SAL. The meal will be Prime Rib or Shrimp, baked potato, vegetable, salad and dessert. The RSVP and money collection will be handled by the State. AMVETS RSVP deadline is 20September 2024. How many meals are comped? Commander, Auxiliary President and SAL (about 10-12). Post 1 is in charge of registration/check in and will receive a list from Department HQ.

Social: 5:00

Meal: 6:00

Program: 7:00 (2-4 hours and can leave anytime you want). The 2-4 hours will consist of people coming up to the podium and speaking and giving gifts. The program will have an Emcee.

The back bar will be open, and people will have to get their own drinks.

*Bob Wefald made a motion to have the state pay the AMVETS \$20.00 per person and Post 1 will pay the remaining amount of the bill to AMVETS using post funds, second by Russ Kroshus. Discussion: will the State Department give the post the list of meal choices? Yes. Motion Carried.*

**Commander Project:**

These projects normally make about \$55,000 from the post the commander is from (since gaming started). If Post 1 does not want to do anything, post 1 can just donate \$55K to the commander project. The Commanders Project will go towards scholarships for veterans that need oxygen chamber treatment and Future of Department ND – Training, Pay, Bills

Wayne Maruska is the Department Historian under Mamie Havelka's Department Commander term.

National Executive Committee person: Steve Anderson and Ken Weiderholt will be running for this position.

**Picnic:** Wayne Maruska will get the shelter reserved for the picnic for either 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of September. Menu: Brats, beans, coleslaw, chips, dessert. Ask legionnaires to bring a dessert to share if they want. Can Todd Davis grill the brats and hamburgers? Check with Country House Deli to help us out with salads. Famous Daves or Kentucky Fried Chicken to cater if Todd cannot grill. Janette will pick up some Hams and Grain belt beer. Count for 50.

**State Convention:** June 21, 22, 23, 2024 at the Bismarck Hotel. Post 1 is hosting, and we will need to staff the registration table and provide a color guard for posting colors Friday.

Delegates: we get one extra vote now that Mamie is Commander Elect.

An individual that lives by Mamie and Arnold Havelka transferred to Post 1. Mamie did not know the name and was not sure how it would happen.

**Membership:** Post 1 is not doing well with membership. Last year we lost almost 60 members. This year we are looking at losing 60 members too. A concern about the three-year dues, if the legionnaires are not used to paying for three years, they may forget to renew after the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Last year our goal was 546 and this year it is 593 – why is our membership goal number increasing? Mamie Havelka increased the Post 1 membership number. We cannot meet our goal and because we live in Burleigh County with a higher number of veteran populations – our membership goal is always the post that is increased. Dan Rustvang will work with Arnie Havelka to knock on doors. Janette will email a list to Dan Rustvang. We could pay a couple up for life memberships a year. Can we pay for veterans in nursing homes for one year? Membership year is 1 January thru 31 December with a grace period until 31 June. *Bob Wefald made a motion for Post 1 to pay membership for one year for any veteran who is in a Bismarck nursing home or care facility, second by Russ Kroshus. Motion Carried.*

Dan Rustvang and Arnie Havelka will get the list of veterans from the nursing homes.

District 5 Commander will attend our Post 1 meeting to swear in our officers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.