

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: 2 October 2023

Attendees: Wayne Maruska, Ed Stern, Mamie Havelka, Russ Kroshus, Bob Bird

No financial report available

Wayne Maruska:

Past Commander Night is set for next Monday at 7:00. Ordered drummies, coleslaw, cake, and drinks. Ed will oversee the food. We will be in the back bar area, sufficient for 30 people.

We received another bill from Lady J's – the bars were not on the original bill. The second bill has been paid.

Picnic: The food count was good with not any meat left over. A lot of salad was left over and some brownies.

SPAR event went very well. Wayne received a thank you note from SPAR for the \$500.00. They were very appreciative. Post 1 gave the riders a USSND insignia and it will be sewn on their vest.

December the Auxiliary will bring coffee and cookies in December.

Gaming Report (Bob Bird):

Mayo Clinic Request - \$300

Bismarck Youth Baseball - \$31,000

Honor Guard – American Legion Post 1 - \$1,400 with shipping and handling

Open Your Heart – tabled until next meeting and wait to see if they really need the money

Open Your Heart banners - \$2,000

St. Marys Athletic Booster Club - \$500

Department Service Officer - \$3,000

Ed made a motion to approve the gaming, second by Wayne. Motion Approved.

Ed Stern:

The office has the new computer up.

Stand Down had 110 veterans and 17 visitors. Over 40 vendors were set up.

Veterans Day Program – Heritage Center Russell Reid Auditorium, AMVETS has a free lunch for the public followed by an AMVETS Program, Columbarium Ribbon Cutting is at 3:00 p.m. Auxiliaries will serve coffee, donuts, cookies starting at 9:00 a.m.

Baseball – Bismarck Youth Baseball plans on having multiple raffles on their own.

Vern Fetch resigned as the Oratorical Chairman. Vern Fetch has an individual he has in mind to take over.

District Meeting:

38 people attended

7 out of 13 posts were in attendance.

District Meetings, are they useful? It is more comradery than accomplishing business.

If you are not a PUFL, now is the time to become a PUFL. The annual dues for Legion, Auxiliary and SAL.

If you renew online – use your legionnaire member number

Post 500 – state gets their portion, national takes their share, the state gets their share. The posts do not get any of that money.

PUFL: whatever portion of the dues you recorded when you signed up as a PUFL. The post may or may not get any money, depending upon what you put as your “post dues”.

Dues: The post keeps \$8.50, \$18.50 goes to national, \$18.00 goes to state

We should drop our post dues down by \$5.00 using gaming money because dues are increasing. The dues should be around \$45-\$48.

Life Members: Post 1 only have a couple of those folks left. Three life members pay \$26.50 or \$36.00, whichever the dues were set for them several years back.

Gaming discussion took place about the new rules and regulations for gaming. More discussion to follow.

A motion was made by Ed Stern for Mamie to complete the contracts between AGS and Post 1 to put Post 1 back into compliance. Discussion: will an attorney review these contracts? No, Mamie can complete the contracts. The motion was second by Wayne Maruska. Motion carried.