

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: 6November2023

Attendees: Janette Fetch, Russ Kroshus, Bob Wefald, Mamie Havelka, Wayne Maruska

Non-voting members: Bob Bird, Dan Sauerwein, and Rick Kramlich

Financial Report: \$111,681 in First Security Bank account. Available cash for office use \$119,112. Gaming foundation to be used for donations \$603,706.00, Gaming post 1 Admin to be used for post expenses \$51,190.00. It was recommended to put \$50,000.00 into a CD. Bob Wefald will look for a CD that is 5% or more. Look into what the Lisbon Veterans Home needs for veterans, Janette is working with the Lisbon Veterans Home.

Commander Elect Hospitality Room in January (Mid Winter Conference) and June (State Convention). The committee has no problem assisting with food, but will not support paying for alcohol. This comes out of Post 1 money, not gaming money. This dollar amount will be capped at \$1000.00. *A motion was made by Bob Wefald to support the January Mid Winter Conference Commander Elect hospitality room up to \$1,000.00, second by Russ Kroshus, motion carried.*

Slate of Officers:

We do have a vacancy on the Executive Committee Board. The 1-year term. This is vacant due to Wayne Maruska moving out of that position into the 2nd Vice Commander position. Rick Kramlich may be interested in filling the 1-year term on the Executive Committee.

Gaming Report (Bob Bird):

Post 1 Honor Guard for newspaper ad for Veterans Day Program: \$600.00

Western ND Honor Flight: \$5,000.00

BSC Foundation-40&8 Voiture 291 Nursing Scholarship: \$5,000.00

Legacy Boys Swim and Diving Team: \$200.00

Open Your Heart: \$7,500.00

ND Veterans Cemetery Foundation: \$200.00

ND Department of Veterans Affairs (Vietnam War Commemoration coin): \$500.00

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1 (Veterans Day cookies): \$94.91

Oratorical Contest contestants – Approved \$100.00 to each contestant sponsored by Post 1

Russ Kroshus made a motion to approve the gaming report, second by Ed Stern. Motion Carried

Wayne Maruska:

In December the Auxiliary will have cookies and apple cider. The Auxiliary will then meet in the legion office.

In March the American Legion Birthday (104th). The AMVETS can cook meals on Monday for us so we can have it on the regular Post 1 meeting. Last year Post 1 paid for the meals as long as the legionnaire is paid through current membership year. Wayne will not be at the March post meeting, Russ Kroshus and Ed Stern will help.

Veteran Visit at the Terrace will be Thursday, 9Nov2023 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Janette Fetch:

\$14,000 needs to be put into the Gaming account, not Foundation Account.

Veterans Day Program at the Heritage Center: Saturday, November 11, 2023. Program starting at 9:45 a.m., Ron Crouse will Emcee the event, Dick Devers will be the guest speaker. All the Auxiliaries are working together to serve coffee and cookies starting at 9:00 a.m. The west doors will be open at 8:30 a.m. The East doors will open at 9:00 a.m.

Veteran Day Discounts was received by Mark Landis and will be emailed out to members

Immediately following the Veterans Day Program at the Heritage Center, the AMVETS will have a meal at 12:00 noon open to the public followed by a program.

3:00 p.m. the ND Veterans Cemetery will have the Columbarium Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The public is welcome to attend.

Midwinter Conference American Legion Ad in program. Does the American Legion want to advertise in the program? ½ page ad for \$250.00. *Bob Wefald made a motion to have a half page ad in the American Legion Midwinter Conference Program, second by Russ Kroshus. Motion carried.*

Ed Stern:

Open Your Heart radio broadcast and Target shopping day will be 2Dec2023.

The radio broadcast will end at 4:00 rather than 6:00

Oratorical District 5 Contest is 2Dec2023 at 1:00 at the AMVETS

Dan Sauerwein:

SAL still doing renewals and taking new members

Two new squadrons chartered – Page and Grand Forks. Hopefully Milnor, Flasher, and Carrington will charter.

Winter Conference activities/hospitality room – Dan will get with Mamie

Meeting Adjourned