

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: 5 February 2024**

Attendees: Russ Kroshus, Janette Fetch, Ed Stern, Mamie Havelka, and Bob Bird

Meeting Minutes: are posted on the website. [www.americanlegionbismarck.org](http://www.americanlegionbismarck.org)

### **Gaming Report:** (Bob Bird)

International Music Camp: \$1260.00

Dakota Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC): \$500

Supportive Services for Veterans Families: \$1,000

Bismarck Youth Baseball (BYB): 25,000

ND American Legion State Band: \$2,000

**Total Approved: \$29,760**

### **Not approved requests:**

Wall of Honor

Injured Military Wildlife Project of ND

*Motion was made by Ed Stern to approve the Gaming Report, second by Russ Kroshus. Motion Carried.*

**Financial Report:** No Finance Report. Mamie will transfer the 60% and 40% for gaming this month. Post 1 money will be about \$50K.

**Birthday Party:** There are about 8-10 Legionnaires registered for the American Legion Birthday Meal. The Post 1 Adjutant will get the E-newsletter printed and send that out to legionnaires without email addresses.

### **Process for Presenting Checks from Gaming:**

All checks will be given to Post 1 except for those out of the Bismarck area.

The checks should be presented within 45 days.

### **Taxes:**

The gaming tax paperwork was dropped off by Mamie Havelka to Haga Kommer. It is just the quarterly reports, bank statements, and 1096/1099. In the future, can the gaming committee get their information to the Post 1 Adjutant so the American Legion can turn in all their taxes together with American Legion, Open Your Heart, and Gaming.

### **KFYR Christmas Ad:**

The detailed sheet was sent to the Executive Committee to review. Is this something that we want to do again next year? Yes, but we need to get on their schedule sooner.

### **Advertising:**

North Dakota Broadcasters Association – you pay a yearly membership and they will send out whatever we want to all the TV and Radio stations in the state. Darcie (OYH) is already partnering up with the ND Broadcasters Association. If we are members, this could help us with Boys State, Girls State, and other programs for the American Legion. Double check with Darcie to see if he already has that set up with NDBC. Russ will do some research on this program.

### **Social Media:**

Discussion on the American Legion Facebook postings and website updates. Amy Weiser-Wilson is part of the social media for the ND American Legion. Who is paying for the ND American Legion Website and Social Media pages? Unknown

**American Legion Foundation:**

Is a 501 ( C ) 3. If you donate to the Foundation with gaming money, they do not have to use that money within 6 months. If you donate \$5-20K you get 40% state tax break.

**Open Your Heart:**

2023 Donations: \$61,735.54

2023 Expenditures: \$66,187.78

Food Applications: 387 and assisted 1,278 people and out of that 496 were children.

Food Expenses: \$42,400.00

Clothing Applications: 224 and assisted 473 children. There were 48 no shows (21%).

2023 Clothing Expenditures: \$19,602.57

Discussed moving location to be by Scheels and be at the Pride of Dakota at the Civic Center. Both locations would run on the same day.

OYH end of year goal: Always have money in the bank to run a program for one year.

The OYH

**Poppy Day:**

24 May 2024 (National Poppy Day). The Auxiliary is making the poppies rather than ordering. The money that is made at Poppy Day is donated to the community (ex: Western ND Honor Flight).

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.