

POST 1 MEETING: 13May2024

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

Officers in Attendance: Russ Kroshus, Wayne Maruska, Janette Fetch, John Griffin, Al Walker

Meeting Minutes: are posted on the website. www.americanlegionbismarck.org

Guests: District 5 Commander, Ron Dykema

Financial Report: handed out to members.

\$57,000 available cash, Edwards Jones \$61K bond was just renewed at 5.1%, Gaming Foundation funds to be used for donations \$601,000, Post 1 Admin to be used for post expenses \$68,000. *Janette Fetch made a motion to approve the finance report, second by Al Walker. Motion carried.*

Gaming: We still have gaming at On the Run and we have a \$18k bank there. If we ever get out of gaming at that location, that \$18k will come back to the post. A rental agreement with On the Run has been signed.

Gaming Report: Received 10 requests, and granted 6.

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

Al Walker made a motion to approve the gaming expenses, second by Vern Fetch. Motion Carried.

American Legion Baseball: Bismarck Youth Baseball has taken over the American Legion Baseball. 75 kids registered already. They want the American Legion to be involved and be active in the games. BYB went out of their way this year and put "Lloyd Spetz Post 1" stamped on every baseball. Legionnaire of the Game: Governors have 9 home games, and Bismarck Youth Baseball would like to honor a legionnaire at every home game. This would involve a picture of you, a short write-up of your military career, and will expect you to throw out the first pitch. Members of the BYB will be joining the SAL. American Legion Baseball tickets are available for purchase in the office \$20.00 per ticket.

International Music Camp: Post 1 will be sponsoring two applicants for the International Music Camp.

Boys State/Girls State: Boys State is \$300 plus the bus cost, Girls State is \$325 plus bus cost. Post 1 is sponsoring all boys and girls state applicants from Bismarck.

Honor Flight: Next flight will be 29-30 September 2024

Poppy Day: 25 May 2024. If you would like to assist with the poppy's, contact the ladies auxiliary president, Latoya Carpenter at 701-833-8224.

Memorial Day Program: 27May2024 at the Veterans Cemetery starting at noon. Buses will be available to transport the public to the Veterans Cemetery. Mandan Location pick up/drop off is Family Fare, Bismarck Location pick up/drop off is Bank of North Dakota. Guest Speaker is Admiral Stuart Munsch.

New Department Commander Homecoming: 28 September 2024 at the AMVETS. There will be a \$20.00 charge and the American Legion Post 1 will pay the remaining portion of the bill. The homecoming is for New Department Commander, SAL Commander, and the Auxiliary President

Picnic: Jaycee Park on Century Avenue reserve for 8September2024 in lieu of our regular post meeting. The inside and outside shelter have been reserved with an alcohol permit.

SAL: New member Andrew Fiest from Bismarck Youth Baseball. Dues will remain the same (\$20.00) going into next year. PUFL roll out for the SAL is still being researched. There will not be a pool party at the convention, not enough interest from other squadrons. There was another apartment complex fire in Mandan. SAL detachment dropped off some comfort stuffed animals to the kids.

Children and Youth Program: Arnie Havelka found some stuffed animal bears for give away and picked them up for the Children and Youth Program to take to the hospital.

State Membership: We are down to 29th on the list. Dan Rustvang and Arnie Havelka will be going around knocking on doors asking unpaid members to pay. Post 1 has about 35 unpaid members. The Executive Committee approved to pay the Post 1 membership dues for one year for veterans in nursing homes. The facilities have a list of veterans and the post 1 will receive a list and they will start being contacted after the new legion year starts on 1July. It will help Post 1 get to 100% while we have a Post 1 Department Commander.

Honor Guard: Three new honor guard members from the ND National Guard were recruited by Adjutant Fetch. Honor Guard training is the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Future Meetings: During the summer months, the gaming committee, executive committee meeting, and Post 1 meetings will be all on the same night, second Monday of the month.

Gaming Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Post 1 Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Installation of Officers by Ron Dykema, current District 5 Commander.

Commander: Russ Kroshus

1st Vice: Wayne Maruska

2nd Vice: Vacant - Bob Bird (Temporary)

Historian: Bob Bird

Sergeant at Arms: Alan Walker

Adjutant: Janette Fetch

Chaplain: John Griffin

Finance: Bob Wefald (absent)

Post Everlasting: Names of legionnaires that passed this year were read in honor of Memorial Day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

