

Post 1 Meeting Minutes – 13November2023:

Attendees: Russ Kroshus, Janette Fetch, Bob Wefald, Al Walker

Committee Reports:

Finance Report:

Available cash for office use: \$119,112. Bonds \$370,000.00 and CD's \$50,000. Gaming Foundation funds to be used for donations \$603,706.00 and Post 1 Admin to be used for post expenses \$51,190.00.

A new CD was purchased for \$57,000.00 last week. 50k was taken from bank account and \$7k from money market. CD rate of 5.4% maturing on 9May24 yielding \$1539.00.

Gaming Report:

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 Seim 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

Ed Stern made a motion to approve the gaming report, second by Bob Wefald, motion carried.

Veteran Service Officer:

New coin for Vietnam Veterans as a thank you and welcome home. You can get this coin through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Burleigh County Veteran Service Officer does have a small quantity in the office.

Oratorical:

District 5 Oratorical contest will be on 2 December 2023 at the AMVETS at 1:00 p.m.

Vern is no longer the chairman for the Oratorical. The new chairman is John Strand

Open Your Heart:

All events are on schedule. OYH is making new advertising banners and putting together a little different advertising campaign this year - KFYR has "sister" stations that advertising will also be expanded to.

Salvation Army Donation from Open Your Heart – are we still doing that? Donations used to be \$2,500, \$1,000, or donations are determined at the end of the year if funds are available. It is nice to get that to the Salvation Army before Christmas so it can be used during the holiday season.

SAL:

Still taking renewals and dues are \$20

National Commander has put out a challenge to squadrons to be 4-pillar squadron. Donates \$1.00 per member to an area representing the 4 pillars. The 4 pillars for SAL will be: Child Welfare Foundation, Operation Comfort Warrior, ND Boys State, and a blood drive organization.

The SAL will sign up to do some bell ringing for the Salvation Army

Boys State: June 9-14 2024 in Wahpeton. Post 1 sponsors all young men that want to attend Boys State. We have one applicant to date.

Honor Guard:

All Veterans Honor Guard will meet the fourth Tuesday each month at the National Guard, RJB Armory, 4200 Miriam Avenue. Training starts at 6:30 p.m. and training ends between 7:30-8:00 p.m. Chicken meal available from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Due to the holidays the dates are adjusted.

Public Relations:

Visited a local Assisted Living/Nursing Home this month. Three veterans and one auxiliary member.

Marauders Hockey Veterans Day: Veterans Day the University of Mary presented 20 veterans with a jersey and hockey puck. The University of Mary hockey team has been doing this for four years. If you have any nominations, forward names to Russ Kroshus. Russ Kroshus was contacted by the Athletic Director looking for more females to participate.

Membership:

Membership dues are increasing \$5.00 next year.

Paid up For Life – may be a better option and you can pay monthly.

For the Good of the Legion:

John Strand will possibility taking over Oratorical Chairman. John will be there on 2Dec2024 for this event. John needs to have more information on Oratorical. John and Vern will get together after this meeting.

Bob Bird Historical:

Auxiliary had a list of past presidents. Many of them are listed as Mrs. and last name. Bob Bird looked up some of these past presidents.

First President of Auxiliary Unit 1 - 1920-1921: Dr. Fannie Dunn Quain. Born 1874 in Bismarck, died in 1950 and is buried at the Fairview Cemetery. Graduated from the University of Michigan. First ND Woman to hold a Doctor of Medicine Degree. Founder and President of the Tuberculosis Association (which is now the American Lung Association), increased public awareness of Tuberculosis and developed institutions to combat the disease, helped found the state's first baby clinic and ND state Tuberculosis sanitarium, she served on the ND State board of health 1922-1933, helped raise the standard of nurses training in the state, chaired the nurses training school committee at Bismarck evangelical hospital from 1920-1940, president of the nurses training school in the 1030's, served as regional director of the medical women's national association later named as the American medical women's association from 1933-1934 (included the states of ND, SD, MN, and IA). Married Dr. Eric Quain in 1903 who is buried at the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Bismarck. In WWI he set up hospitals in France.

Bridges are being named after veterans. Adam Grass out of Fort Yates has a bridge named after him. He was the first tribal member in ND to enlist in WWII.

Post Everlasting: Harley Henry (4Nov2023), Fred Zainhofsky (2Nov2023), Vance Rogers (2Nov2023), and Denis Carlson.