Regular Business Meeting

January 3, 2019 1900

In the absence of Commander Wakild Vice Commander Jim Addessi made a valiant attempt to conduct opening ceremonies. Roll call was then ordered.

Roll Call: 1st Vice Cmdr. Jim Addessi, 2nd Vice Sean Russell, Adjutant Tom Breen, Chaplain Larry Girard, Sgt. at Arms Jim Montgomery, Trustee Jason Turner, Board member Jed Fall, Members Mike Andruch, Club Manager Heather Hahn, SAL Earl Lash, Steve Hamilton, Members Mike Andruch, John Barker.

The floor was given to Linda Teeter Ms. Teeter then announced the good news that the Governor has signed the bill voted out of the house and senate to appropriate $85,000 to the post for improvements made to the property due to the collapse of the hill in 2010. Ms teeter then cautioned the meeting about speaking to the press and then gave some pointers on how do address them if necessary. A big thanks goes to Linda for her efforts to secure the grant as she worked tirelessly with city, county and federal representatives to secure this grant. In

appreciation a motion was made to make Linda Teeter the spokesperson to the press when/if any reporters want an interview. It was seconded and passed without objection.

The minutes were passed out read and a motion to accept the previous meeting was made, seconded and passed without objection.

Finance: Because the finance officer was absent the finance report of the BOD meeting of 12-27 was offered in lieu of a new report. Mr. Fall pointed out that the entities that did the breakfast's have not been reimbursed, this was taken under advisement. A motion was made to accept the report was made, it was seconded and passed without objection.

Service Officers: Mr. Hamilton made all awar the a veteran came to him with some financial difficulties. Mr. Hamilton was able to secure $300 for a car payment. Mr. Hamilton wants to develop a policy to be able to trace or confirm the legion money went to the proper place. Mr. Girard suggested the service officers start electronically paying the bill if authorized.
Mr. Girard announced that a vet he has been helping is in the process of attaining his VA benefits. He also reported that he and Mr. Hamilton came to the post and assisted

another veteran, Joseph Miller, who Girard described as a classic case of a vet that has fallen through cracks.Mr. Miller was sent to Lee Law in Benton Harbor. Hamilton and Girard the advised the meeting that a state service officer is willing to come to the post to hold office hours for vets having trouble getting their benefits. A committee consisting of Hamilton, Girard, Fall and Addessi was formed to get all the T's crossed and I's dotted to make this happen.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the previous meeting it was seconded and passed without objection.

Club Manager: Ms.Hahn reported that New Years Eve party at the post was a big success.
The new bartender John Olson will start Jan. 21, 2019.
Kim's sister Amanda who is filling in for Ben can/will bartent when needed.
She reported another problem with a SAL member who has been suspended several times came into the bar reeking of marihuana and when asked about it he became belligerent and when told to leave banged on the windows giving the finger to all inside the bar. Mr. Hamilton took the floor and addressed the situation and read a letter from the SAL to the member informing the member that the

Son's that the squadron is recommending thes member be permanently expelled from the legion property.
A motion was made to permanently expel Joseph Yurwitz from post 49 it was seconded and passed without objection.
Ms. Hahn the informed the meeting that one of our regular members grabbed a female bartender by the butt, and the bartender is upset about it. A motion was made to impose a 90 day expulsion it was seconded and passed without objection.
Anther motion was made to give the bar manager immediately until any incident can be brought before the board.

Adjutant Report: The adjutant presented 4 new memberships with one of them being on active duty. A motion was made to accept the new members it was seconded and passed without objection. He then announced the the goal deemed by the state was 80% and that the post is at 78.78% without the 30 cards submitted by the adjutant, the adjutant has the post at 85%.

Sick Call: Commander Stan Wakild.

New Business: A discussion ensued about Cmmdr. Wakild be given a memento for his service to the post. A motion was made to pay for Commander Wakild's trip to Washington D.C. it was seconded and passed without objection.

New Business: Mr. Andruch reported the sign on the roof will not last to much longer. He has three proposals to replace the sign. First, high density polyethylene at $365, second, marine plywood at $642, and the third, a professional trade sign that a legion member could construct out of vinyl and aluminite that would be maintenance free at $650.
After a short discussion a motion was made to accept the third option, it was seconded and passed without objection.
Mr. Girard opined that the post pay for Jim McClolughan and his wife's trip to D.C. Girard has not confirmed. The discussion was tabled until Mr. Girard confirms their committment.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Breen
Adjutant post 49