Regular Business Meeting

Oct. 6, 2016

Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call: Cmdr. Stan Wakild, Sr, Vice Cmdr. Jed Fall, Finance Pat Sullivan, Asst. Finance Chuck Aubrey, SAL Steve Hamilton, Adjutant Tom Breen.

Guests: Richard Parks, Steve Hamlin.

Absent: Jr. Vice Cmdr. Jim McCloughan (excused), Service Alan Soulliere, Judge Advocate Kevin Ferguson (excused), Chaplin Art Brodrick, Historian John Lammbert, Sgt at Arms Jim Montgomery(excused).

Guest Steve Hamlin, was introduced with an idea for a fund raiser. Mr. Hamlin is a VietNam Vet and his son Mike is an Iraqi war vet. Mike has written a book in paperback form and Mr. Hamlin presented the third edition of Mike's book entitled "Military Millionaires" the idea behind the book is to give military personnel ideas on how to manage their military pay so as to give them a good foundation financially after their military careers are over, no matter how long they serve. He presented the post with 30 books to be sold for whatever the board decides his son would get $3.00 for each of the first 10 books sold the $2.00 for the remaining 20. The post would keep the rest of the money. The Post would decide the cost of selling the books that retail for $1.!.95.

A discussion ensued and a motion to price the books at $10.00 and to put the money, if all books sell $230 onto the principal of the loan on our wall was made seconded and passed without objection.

Guest Richard Parks, presented three transfers from other posts and a brochure of Wilwin at Cygnet Cove a retreat for veterans for rest and recuperation. He also informed the board of a fall carnival being given by the Battle Creek VA on Oct. 13, 2016 and wanted to know if the Post would be interested in giving a small donation to the carnival. Mr. Park's wife helps with door prizes and could use any extra income. A motion to donate $100.00 was made seconded and passed without objection.

Finance: Mr. Sullivan passed out a hard copy of the finance report and went through the figures a motion was made to accept the report subject to audit it was seconded and passed without objection.

Adjutant: Three checks for donations to our post. $200.00 from Filbrandt funeral home and $50 from one family and $100 from another family that the Honor Guard performed at their loved ones funeral. I informed the board that my assistant suggested that since the Honor Guard did the ceremonies maybe the donations could go to the uniform fund. However, on second thought I believed bringing it to the board with a suggestion that maybe the $350 could go towards the principle on the wall.

The membership is right at 250 and with the late fall early winter rush coming the membership is in decent shape. Mr. Parks suggested that a push by the Post be made to get as many paid before the Posts payment to the State goes up in Jan.

I then read a letter to the post from the Scoutmaster of Troop 149 Bangor, Mi. thanking th Posts Honor Guard for participating in the Troop's 9/11 ceremonies on Sept. 10 & 11 at the Flywheelers Museum. A copy is attached to this report.

I then presented the board with a packet of thank you notes and letters I received from Jeannie Arbanas thanking us for the flag presentation and

ceremony we did at St. Basil's earlier in the week. The children that wrote the letters ranged from pre-school to the 5th grade.

Cmdr. Wakild gave a report that Kevin Ferguson had asked the membership board to pay the remaining $400 to pay off the new security cameras that have been installed. Cmdr. Wakild reported the women's auxiliary had given him a check for half of the payment. A motion was made to pay the remaining $200 to pay off the cameras was made seconded and passed without objection.

SAL: Mr. Hamilton reports the SAL has about $7000 at hand and the uniforms for the Honor Guard and Color Guard are coming along and the squads are looking a lot better. The membership is going very slow but he is getting with SAL Cmdr. Newton and come up with a program to enhance enrollment.

Women Aux: no report but their $200 donation the the camera's have been documented. Thank you, Ladies.

Service Officer: Absent, however, Cmdr Wakild states he needs to contact Mr. Soulliere for him to research and get the word out about the upcoming Hartford Stand Down. Mr. Hamilton opined that there is a service officer school held annually in September and barring any rule preventing an SAL member becoming the service officer, he would attend the school and take over the service officer post.

Unfinished Business: Audit Cmdr. Wakild has met with DeBore and Baumann and will give them an outline of what we want. One problem is everyone has a different idea of what an audit is. One is a regular audit another is an operations control which is a much deeper audit. They are in the ballpark with agreed upon procedures as far a cost is concerned. Cmdr. Wakild is putting before the board the type of audit he wanted which the deeper one which will be more than the $2800 previously given in June.

He now wants to know what the membership wants a regular audit or the deeper one which is estimated at $7000 to $8000. The problem is no one knew an audit would be so complicated. Mr. Fall brought up money taken in at the post with the pool table, donation jars, juke box etc. Mr. Aubrey opined for an audit to be "deep" then the money has to be followed from the time it is collected at the post to when it is put into the bank. This would be the deep audit that is known as "internal controls". The Cmdr. stated he is not comfortable having the same people that do our books do the audit and requested two copies of last years financial statements.

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Cmdr. Wakild directed Pat Sullivan to check on our payment to the convention for $465.
Progress of the bar windows? They have been installed.

New Business: Stanley steamer has cleened the ducts. Check with Ben Newton about the estimate of cleaning the smoke eater filters. It is unclear if the quote of $49 each is for each filter or each fan.
A discussion about a ceremony at the post on Nov.11 Vet's day. There will be a ceremony. Mr. Hamilton suggested a lunch of chili or soup and sandwiches after the ceremony.

Mr. Fall is still worried about the condition of the carpet in the bar and said he would research carpet squares to fix the problem and volunteered to price the squares. A motion to appropriate a maximum of $500 to purchase carpet squares was made seconded and passed without objection.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Breen
Adjutant Post #49.