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**DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594**  
**POST MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 18, 2021**

The regular post meeting was held in the conference room at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan.

The meeting began with Julia Schowalter, 2021 Post 594 Oratorical Contest representative, who shared the speech she presented at the Third District and State Oratorical contests. Julia was presented a check for \$250 from the post as discussed and approved at the March meeting.

**Old Business:**

- Eagan High School student Julia Schowalter represented the post as an Oratorical Contestant. Julia won first place in the Third District Oratorical Contest in New Prague on February 14 (\$1,200.00); second place in State Oratorical Contest at Anoka on February 27 (\$1,000.00 Scholarship). Discussion was held on how to more broadly disseminate this information. It was suggested Julia's submission and award be placed in the display case at the Eagan Community Center and posted on Facebook. An article previously appeared in the local newspaper. **A motion was made and seconded to provide \$250.00, the same amount as last year, to Julia.**
- Hastings Veterans Home is opening up on May 10 with a welcome back celebration with fun and games. Volunteers are needed for three shifts 1000-1230, 1230-1500 and 1800-2000. Contact person is Sue Register, Volunteer Coordinator, [Susan.register@state.mn.us](mailto:Susan.register@state.mn.us), 651-539-2442, or Cell 651-212-8812
- Wayne provided a post membership update. The post has 402 paid memberships in 2021 against the Department of MN goal of 305 (131.8%); Barrett added that 25% of the renewals were online. Reminder letters will be sent to 33 unpaid members.
- John Flynn updated the post on District Membership. The Third District is at 94.58% and continues to lead the Department in the 2021 Premier Race and in Membership. The Seventh District is 1.04% behind us in membership. Our next goal is 95% by April 14, 2021. Overall, the Third District needs 47 more paid memberships to get us there. We have 151 fewer paid memberships this year than we did at the same time last year.
- We now have twenty-five posts over 95%. Of those, there are 12 GOAL POSTS – at or above 100%. They are Jordan, Henderson, Glencoe, Stewart, Elysian, Silver Lake, Bellechester, Eagan, Cannon Falls, Forest Lake, Gibbon, and Nicollet...Congratulations!!!
- Third District Commander Linda Dvorak joined the meeting to congratulate the post on 5-year Record Attendance and Outstanding Post awards.
- Wayne provided a financial update. There is currently \$1,168 in the coffer. Donation recognition and tax forms have been sent out to donors.
- Barrett Kirchenwitz has expressed interest in being our representative to the Third District Finance Committee. **A motion was made and seconded to approve his nomination.** All present voted in favor. There were no objections. Motion carried.
- The 2021 Third District Convention will be held May 14-15 in Faribault, Minnesota. Registration is \$15/person. **A motion was made, seconded, and approved to send John Flynn, Wayne Beierman, Barrett Kirchenwitz, and John Rayman as delegates.** The Department Convention is in Redwood Falls, MN, July 15 – 17. The National Convention is in Phoenix, AZ, August 27 – September 2.
- Post 594 will be applying for a grant from the Eagan Foundation and Sam's Club.
- Post Officer nominations were discussed. Motions were made and seconded for Wayne Beierman (Commander) and Barrett Kirchenwitz (Vice-Commander). The positions of Sergeant at Arms and Historian remain up for nomination. Elections for these positions will be held at the May meeting.

### **New Business:**

- Wayne provided a treasurer's report. There is currently \$695 in the post account.
- The new American Legion website migration is going poorly. Training will be provided by state on May 27, 2021 as the attempt to rectify problems prior to the new membership year.
- Wayne Beierman, Barrett Kirchenwitz, and John Rayman attended the Third District Convention in Faribault, Minnesota, May 14-15, 2021. The post received several awards including All Time High Membership, and National Meritorious Service. Barrett was elected to the Third District Finance Committee for a 1-year term. Wayne was approved as an alternate delegate to the National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, in August.
- Five members of Post 594 traveled to Hastings on Monday, May 10, to partake in the reopening of the veteran's home. Members spent time with residents playing games and going on a nature walk.
- Starbucks in Eagan requested assistance in setting up a missing man table at the restaurant for Memorial Day weekend. Danny Sanoa agreed to assist.
- Discussion about pursuing nominations for law enforcement officer of the year and firefighter of the year. John R. will reach out to state for the criteria and contact Eagan for possible nominations.
- Paul Kovach presented a candidate for Boys State. Motion was made and seconded to approve payment of \$310 registration fee for Caleb Daniels. All present voted in favor. No objections were heard. Motion carried.
- Paul Kovach indicated there are 12 Eagan High School students who are entering military service after high school (4 Marine Corp, 3 Army, 2 Air Force, 2 Army National Guard, and 1 Navy), and will be recognized at the upcoming ceremony at Eagan High School.
- Wayne is working on converting Tom Klouda's membership to PUFL.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Fisher House monthly breakfast is still on hold.
- Eagan High School (EHS) military recognition, Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 1700, EHS auditorium.
- Blood drive, Friday May 28, 2021, 0900-1700, Eagan Civic Arena
- Memorial Day tribute, Monday, May 31, 2021, 1400, Eagan Community Center memorial plaza.
- Flag inspection at Wayne Beierman's residence, Sunday, June 13, 2021, 1700
- Flag retirement ceremony, Thomas Lake Park pavilion, Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 1800
- There will be no parade or community activities for Fun Fest this year. Treasure hunt and fireworks only.

### **Post Elections:**

- A nomination to elect **Wayne Beierman as Commander of Eagan Post 594** was presented. A motion was made and seconded for the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. All present voted in favor. No objections were heard. The nomination to appoint Wayne Beierman as Commander carried.
- A nomination to elect **Barrett Kirchenwitz as Vice-Commander of Eagan Post 594** was presented. A motion was made and seconded for the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. All present voted in favor. No objections were heard. The nomination to appoint Barrett Kirchenwitz as Vice-Commander carried.
- A nomination to elect **Mike Peiffer as Sergeant at Arms of Eagan Post 594** was presented. A motion was made and seconded for the nomination. No other nominations were presented. All present voted in favor. No objections were heard. The nomination to appoint Mike Peifer as Sergeant at Arms carried.
- A nomination to elect **Cindy Yanchury as Chaplain of Eagan Post 594** was presented. A motion was made and seconded for the nomination. No other nominations were put forward. All present voted in favor. No objections were heard. The nomination to appoint Wayne Beierman as Commander carried.
- No nominations were presented for Post Historian. This position remains unoccupied.
- An appointment to install **John Rayman as Adjutant for Post 594** was presented. No other nominations were put forward. No objections were heard.

**Next Meeting:** July 20, 2021