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**DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594**  
**POST MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 16, 2022**

- A social hour was held from 1815-1900.
- **Post Commander Beierman called the regular post meeting to order at 1900, in the conference room at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan.**

**Old Business:**

- **BOYS SCOUTS CHARTER:** The chartering agreement is reviewed annually, and the Post can end that relationship at that time. The current agreement will run until September 1, 2022. BSA representatives answered a number of questions from Post members. Following the presentation, **a motion was made for Post 594 to assume the role of chartering organization. The motion was seconded. Being no further discussion, a vote was taken. All present voted in favor of the motion (none were opposed). The motion carried and Post 594 will assume the role of Chartering Organization for BSA Troop 449. Commander Beierman will inform BSA of our decision. Wayne Beierman and Cindy Yechury attended the recent Eagle Scout Ceremony. The Legion was formally thanked by troop leadership and several troop leaders expressed their hope for further Legion involvement.**
- **DONATION REQUEST:** Tribute to the Troops, and the associated “Scoops for Troops,” programs that raise funds to support Gold Star families, have requested a donation. Post 594 has provided an annual donation to this cause. **A motion was made to provide \$250 to Tribute to the Troops. The motion was seconded. Being no further discussion or comment, the item was voted on and unanimously passed. \$250 will be sent to Tribute to the Troops.** Adjutant Rayman will take care of payment.
- **RESOLUTION PROPOSAL:** Vice Commander Kirchenwitz shared a proposed resolution that would increase the funding for the State Oratorical Contest prizes at the district and state level. The proposed resolution would increase the state prize level from \$3,700 to \$7500, and the district prize level from \$2,500 to \$5,000. If Post 594 agrees to help sponsor this resolution, it will be forwarded for vote and approval at the District and State level. The proposal does not require any funding at the Post level. **A motion was made to approve and support the resolution. This motion was seconded. Being no further discussion or comment, there was unanimous vote to have Post 594 submit a resolution to support this change. VC Kirchenwitz reported that the district opted to not present this resolution at the district meeting. It will need to be re-written as two separate requests in order to move forward.**
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Vice Commander Kirchenwitz provided a membership update. We are current at 317 renewals, which brings us to approximately 97%. There are still a number of members who have not renewed, and Vice Commander Kirchenwitz suggested a group of Post members volunteer to divvy up the phone list and reach out to those remaining members. Adjutant Rayman will put out a call for volunteers. Vice Commander Kirchenwitz will be the POC and coordinate this effort. **VC Kirchenwitz report that membership currently stands at 329, which puts the post at 100%**
- **FINANCE:** Adjutant Rayman provided a treasurer’s report. There is currently \$4,928 in the Post account. Both expenditures and revenue have been very minimal over the last two months. Adjutant Rayman highlighted a \$500 donation provided the Post by the Eagan High School (EHS) Football Boosters. This donation was in appreciation for the Post color guard presentations at several football games in the fall of 2021. The Post tax return (Form 990N) has been filed. The annual non-profit renewal for the Minnesota Secretary has also been filed so the Post is in good standing until next year. **There was no treasurer’s report.**
- **POST ELECTIONS:** Post members were reminded that Post officer elections will take place at the May meeting. Any members interested in a Post position should communicate their interest to Commander Beierman. The

Vice Commander position will be open as current Vice Commander Kirchenwitz has indicated he will be stepping down from this role at the end of the term. **Elections were held. See New Business for results**

- **BOYS STATE:** Paul Kovach provided an update on Boys State nominations. The information packet and application forms have been provided to EHS counselors. To date, there have been no applicants. The deadline in March 30, 2022. **A motion was made to approve \$310 in Post funds (the cost to sponsor one candidate) in the event a last minute applicant presents himself. That way, the funds can be approved and the application process can move forward. The motion was seconded. Being no further discussion or comment, a vote was taken and was unanimous to approve \$310 to support a Boys State Candidate. Thanks to a generous donation from a member Post 594 will be sending two boys to Boys State. Paul reported that two boys expressed interest and looking forward to participating. Commander Beierman reported that ALA will send one girl to Girl's State. No further information reported**
- **THIRD DISTRICT CONVENTION:** scheduled for May 21, 2022, in Forest Lake.
- **SPRING STRET** clean up – Saturday May 7. Thank you, Joe Dolan, for setting up & volunteers who helped.

### New Business:

- **MISSION STATEMENT:** **Daniel R. Olsen Eagan American Legion Post 594 is committed to supporting veterans and their families, educating children and youth, and strengthening our community by being an active and visible presence. We are inspired by the example of the sacrifices of veterans who came before us, to continue the mission of the American Legion in caring for those who served and promoting American ideals and patriotism.**  
Our Guiding Principles:
  - **SUPPORT our veterans and their families**
  - **EDUCATE our children and youth**
  - **STRENGTHEN our community**
  - **HONOR those who have served**
- **FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR** – Our Post nominated Eagan Firefighter Paul Burgett for Firefighter of the Year by composing his nomination biography. He has been awarded the Minnesota American Legion Firefighter of the Year award for his heroism. **Paul will be receiving this award at the Third District Convention.**
- Beyond the Yellow Ribbon continues to advocate for **Eagan Fund Fest** this year, and hopefully allow the Post to resume its fundraiser. More details will be forthcoming. **Legion Post 594 will have one beer tent at the Fun Fest.**
- A summary of **Post survey results** was shared with members. Areas of emphasis were youth, community outreach, veteran support, fundraising, and Post social activities. The survey results will be used to guide the goals of the Post as well as a foundation for a mission statement, which will be drafted and presented before the next meeting.
- **THE WALL THAT HEALS** - the ¾ scale Vietnam Memorial Wall; will be coming to Rahn Park in Eagan **July 19-24**. Mike Roth and Jenni Shukhrabekov, representatives of DART transit network, provided an overview of The Wall that Heals event. They highlighted the need for volunteers and the various areas where volunteers can participate. They will provide a volunteer summary to Commander Beierman and Post leadership will work to get this information out to the Post at large so members will have an opportunity to be involved.
- Post 594 is sponsoring a **blood drive** at the Eagan Civic Arena on May 20, 2022. The event will run from 0900-1500. Mike Peiffer is the point of contact for this event. Volunteers are needed. Adjutant Rayman will send out an invite and reminder. Any volunteers should contact Mike Peiffer at [mdpeif@q.com](mailto:mdpeif@q.com) or 651-452-4610. Blood donors can register through the American Red Cross.

### Unfinished Business:

#### POST ELECTIONS/NOMINATIONS

- **Commander: Wayne Beierman** MSC (Motion Seconded & Carried) by unanimous vote
- **Adjutant: John Rayman** MSC by unanimous vote
- **Vice Commander: VC Kirchenwitz nominated Pat Graham** MSC by unanimous vote

- Chaplain: Cindy Yanchury                   MSC by unanimous vote
- Sargent-at-Arms: Mike Peiffer            MSC by unanimous vote
- Historian: Dave Hammer                 MSC by unanimous vote

- **Upcoming Events:**

- June 12 – 18, Boys State, St. John’s University, Paul Kovac, Coordinator
- May 20 - Blood Drive 0900 – 1500 – Eagan Civic Center/Ice Arena
- May 21 - 3rd District Convention, Forest Lake, MN – Wayne, John, Barrett & Cindy
- May 26 – Recruitment Recognition ceremony – 1700 – Eagan High School
- May 30 – Memorial Day Ceremonies
  - Eagan Cemeteries – Barrett Kirchenwitz
  - Eagan Community Center – 1400 Color Guard
- June 14 – Flag Retirement Ceremony – 1700 - Thomas Lake Pavilion
- Fisher House monthly breakfast is still on hold.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> District Convention: May 21, Forest Lake
- EHS Recruitment Recognition Ceremony, May 26<sup>th</sup>, EHS, 1700
- Memorial Day Ceremony: May 30, 1400, Eagan Community Center Memorial Plaza
- **Flag Inspection, June 6, 1800 – 2000, Advent Methodist Church, 3945 Lexington Ave. S**
- Flag Retirement Ceremony, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Lake Pavilion,
  - 1600, Picnic with additional inspection (Post providing hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, condiments & water).  
Cindy’s notes: tablecloths, wipes, BBQ tools.
  - 1700 Flag Retirement Ceremony
- **Core Group Leadership Meeting: June 21**
- **FunFest Fundraiser – Beer Tent – Dates: July 3 & 4, Noon – 2230 each day**
- **Eagan FunFest Parade – Legion will march/Color Guard, July 4 at 1000**
- **Wall that Heals: Rahn Elementary, July 19 – 24. Corrected Signup Genius to be sent. Commander Beierman will be Master of Ceremonies.**

\*All of these events are posted on the event calendar on our website, [www.post594.org](http://www.post594.org)

**Next Meeting: July 19, 2022 - 1900, Cedarvale Lanes**