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## DANIEL R. OLSEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 594

### POST MEETING AGENDA

January 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 1900 by Acting Commander, John Rayman with the opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and placement of POW/MIA banner.

Chaplain Cindy Yanchury served as Adjutant

#### SPECIAL GUESTS:

- **Rachel Hammer** – Deputy Director for Development and Civic Engagement, Mpls VA System
  - Discuss volunteer opportunities at the Mpls VA. **Goldie Bosard a specialist in the same department accompanied Rachel.**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- **Dues Increase – Discussion continues regarding the latest on the dues increase. See the website for correct information.**
  - 2023 Dues – 3 years at present rate
  - 2024 Dues – 3 years at present rate – release date guidance from state to come out this month – from Mike Maxa State of MN Adjutant today.
    - Point of interest Suggesting Dues \$55/yr. (\$4.85/mo.)
    - \$23.50 to National +\$5
    - \$16.50 to State – 0.25 Hospital Assistance +\$3
    - \$ 8.00 to 3<sup>rd</sup> District +\$2
    - \$ 7.00 to Post

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- **Treasurers Report: Current balance: \$17,064. This includes a donation of \$250.00 from “Mighty Cause” (came through the website. Receipt of \$324 from state for online dues payments. Expenses included postcard postage, Fisher House, Constant Contact subscription and upcoming Third District Convention, 27 January at Post 1776 in Apple Valley.**
- **Vice Commanders Membership Report:**
  - Membership – Membership currently stands at 212. Our goal for the year is 250.
- **Buddy Checks - Be the One**
  - Cindy Yanchury & Wayne Beierman sent out post cards to 2021, 2022, and 2023 members who have not renewed. Members were asked to step forward to make the follow-up calls. Member **Jim Peterson is willing. More volunteers needed and the setting of a date. Wayne and Cindy will begin called on 25 January.**
- **Post Elections - Endorsement**
  - **Nomination for Wayne Beierman for Third District Vice Commander – (He will still be in and participate in Post 594 activities.) Cindy Yanchury moved that we nominate Commander Beierman for the position of Third District Vice Commander. The motion was seconded by Pat Graham. Motion carried.**
- **Post Elections in May positions open – if you want to fill one of these positions or shadow them, let us know. John invited members to consider how they would like to serve – the following positions will be open:**

- Commander
- Adjutant
- Finance/Treasurer - **Paul Kovac expressed interest in serving as Treasurer**
  - Shadowing ~ **Post leadership will train and mentor any person interested in taking on the role. He will could shadow John over the next few months - attend Core Team, etc.**
- **Post Appropriations/ Commanders projects**
  - State - Paul Hassing – MN Veterans Assistance Fund – Fund 85 – Suggest \$500 **A motion was entertained to give \$500 to the Veteran’s Assistance Fund. Duff so moved. Seconded. Motion carried.**
  - Third District – Rod Reifsteck – Legionville – Suggest \$300. **There was a motion to table this until more information is received about the use of the money. A motion to table was made by Duff and seconded by Steve. Motion carried.**
  - Legacy Scholarship Fund – No longer needs funds – Legacy Scholarship funds to go to Minnesota Veterans Assistance Fund – Fund 85
  - Oratorical Contest – Contestant receives \$2500 scholarship- and is then eligible to move on the tth nation contest. Barrett ~ **No decision made. Paul did report that he has a sophomore student who is interested in participating. She is currently on the debate team at Eagan High School. The date for the district contest is 10 February.**
  - Other outreach? **No discussion**
    - White Table – Book: **Cost for the book is currently \$13.05 + tax/shipping**
    - F is For Flag – Book: **Cost for the book is currently \$4.99 + tax/shipping**
- **Communications/Media: No discussion at this meeting**
- **Ceremonies** - Wayne Beierman, John Rayman & Pat Graham met with City of Eagan to discuss:
  - Flag Day – June 14 at Thomas Lake Pavilion – Potluck and flag retirement ceremony
  - Memorial Day – May 27 - Eagan Community Center Tribute Plaza
  - 9-11 – Wednesday – Eagan Community Center Tribute Plaza
- **2024 Goals – John encouraged all members to provide feedback on potential projects beyond what is already scheduled.**
  - Review 2023 Accomplishments
    - Changes? **None**
  - Buddy Checks - Be the One
    - Script – **A script has been prepared and calls will begin soon**
  - Youth & Children
    - School District 196 - January Initiative – **Paul and Cindy will meet to work on this project.**
      - White Table - Book
      - F is For Flag – Book

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Communications/Media:** David Hammer
- **Fundraising**
  - **Funfest – July 3 & 4**
    - **John offered discussion regarding others stepping forward to assist with the beer stand. Frank has coordinated for several years and it’s time for someone to shadow him and learn the ropes.**

- **Von Hansens** – August 10 & 11 – Check for \$50 to hold the date. **Suggestion to move the date to August 17 & 18. Wayne/Duff will follow-up**
- **Blood Drives:** - Mike Peiffer - **Mike reports the dates for 2024 are 21 June and 18 October 2024. Location TBD.**
- **Color Guard Events** – Danny - **Cindy asked Paul to follow-up with the EHS Athletic Director regarding having the Color Guard at additional sports, e.g. Girls soccer, volleyball, boys soccer, etc.**
- **Third District Mid-Winter Convention** – Saturday, January 27, Apple Valley Post 1776
  - Wayne Beierman
  - Pat Graham
  - Barrett Kirchenwitz
  - John Rayman – **unable to attend**
  - Cindy Yanchury
  - Others? **No others stepped forward**
- **Next Post meeting – March 19, 2024**

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Yanchury  
Acting Adjutant