

Daniel R. Olsen American Legion Post 594

Post Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2024

Prior to meeting start Chaplain & 2nd Vice encourage the wearing of nametags

Meeting Called to Order by Commander Beierman at 1900

Opening Prayer – Chaplain Cindy

Sgt-at-Arms Mike presents the MIA flag. Post members recite the Pledge of Allegiance and the Preamble to the Constitution.

Introductions around the room. 27 members Auxiliary and Post present

Swearing in of Post Officers ~ Commander Beierman/3rd District Vice Commander Area 3

Remarks by Retiring Commander~ Wayne Beierman

Guest ~ Neil Hetherington gave a brief presentation on Veteran's Court

Reports of Committees

1. Membership (1st Vice) ~ Pat Graham reports we ended the year with 245 members. We were in the top 10% of MN Posts in membership. 35 members took advantage of the 3 year signup opportunity – 77 members have renewed or are PUFL. Motion by John/Second by Duff **MSC**
2. Social (2nd Vice) ~ Colleen reports on meeting with Colleen, Paulette, Dona & Cindy met to discuss opportunities. Another flag retirement will occur in October. Dates TBD. Commander John suggests we attend a Legion baseball game. Motion to approve by John. Second by Barrett **MSC**
3. Post Services Officer ~ Rob reports about the availability to assist vets that need it. Apple Valley BTYR assisted a reserve service member who needed help with her mortgage. Handyman help is also needed. PACT info presented. If you know people who are having health issues with Agent Orange or burn pits reach out for help. Contact Info for Rob – He can help point you in the right direction. County Vets Service Officers can assist and there's also a way to do that at the VAMC. John moves/Jim S. seconds **MSC**
4. Finance ~ Paul reports \$16,425.76 Income: \$596.25 Expenses: \$382.45
Current Balance: \$16,639.56
John Moves to approve. Barrett seconds **MSC**
5. Color Guard ~ Next event Raise the flag at Dakota County Fair, 0800 on Thursday, August 8. All are welcome. 9/11 will be the next event, 1700 at the Memorial Plaza. Veteran's Day 9/11 and 9/12. Look for details on the website. John moves to approve. Seconded by Pat. **MSC**

6. Auxiliary ~ Paulette's term is up, new president is needed. Need for additional members. Check to see if there's an "at-large" auxiliary similar to Legion 1982 general post. **Follow up needed – who will check?**
John moves to approve. Cheryl seconds. **MSC**

Completed Business

1. Eagan Funfest recap ~ Frank/Mike: after action meeting: **Monday, July 22, 1700/Eagan Arms Restaurant. All are welcome.**
2. Eagan Marketfest ~ Raining/few connections made. Update from Paul or Wayne. Suggestion that we create an info sheet about our post. QR Code that takes you to the website. Paul has created this **Next Date: August 14, 1600 – 2000.** Reach out to Cindy if you'd like to assist.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Von Hansens Fundraiser ~
 - i. Date/Time ~ August 17 & 18, 2024/
 - ii. Two shifts ~ 0800 – 1200/1200 – 1600
 - iii. Duff passed out the sign-up sheet he created. There will also be a follow-up Signup Genius.
 - iv. Signs for the fundraiser – Total Cost: Proceeds from the stand will pay for the signs. Storage: They are at Duff's home.
 - b. Additional flag box for Community Center – Gary Stanull reports the box is completed. Speed Pro will do the graphics for the box. It will be installed as soon as it is completed.
 - c. Veteran's Greenway Project ~ Recording Veteran stories on Thursday, July 18, 1500-1630. Taking place at Thompson Park in West St. Paul
4. Report from Department of Minnesota Convention – Wayne/John/Barrett - Attended last weekend. Barrett is on Department Strategic Planning Committee. Wayne on Legislative Committee. Wayne is also attending National in August.
 5. Review the constitution and bylaws.
 - a. [DRO Constitution CJY, WFB, PG reviewed By-Laws 2024-06-16.docx](#)
 - b. The Constitution and By Laws have been reviewed by three people whose initials are on this draft document.
 - c. Core Team will continue discussion at the August meeting. Plan is for post approval NLT November 2024
 6. Other?
 - a. Barrett reports on a new initiative to collect food for the VA food shelf. A suggested food item would go out to the post members ahead of our meeting. A list will be available on the website. Consensus is this is a good idea and we should move forward. Stewart will deliver goods.
 - b. Mike Reports on the Blood Drive – goal was 48 we collected 55. Donors October 18, 2024 is the next drive at the Eagan Community Center.

c. See On the Horizon notes below regarding the next Blood Drive.

Closing Prayer ~ Chaplain Jim Staloch

Retiring of MIA flag and colors of our nation.

Meeting adjourned @ 2015, with cake in honor of Commander Beierman.

Next Meeting: 17 September 2024 ~ 1830 Social Time/1900 Meeting.

On the Horizon –

1. **20 August 2024 ~ Core Team Meeting, 1800, Cedarvale Bowl, lower level**
2. **11 September 2024 ~ 1700 on Wednesday at Memorial Plaza**
3. **18 October 2024 ~ Blood Drive at ECC, 10:00 – 4:00**
4. **11 November 2024 ~ Veterans Day events TBA**
5. **12 November 2024 ~ Veterans Day gathering with breakfast at Eagan HS time 0800 continental breakfast. Program @ 0900.**

**All Post events are listed on the website calendar at
www.post594.org.**