



VFW POST 6247

Aug,11, 2015

Meeting called to order at 1903 hrs by Commander Scharra
Chaplin Barnas read the opening prayer and prayer for VFW National Home for Children.
Pledge of Allegiance and salute to the Flag led by Commander Scharra

Commander Scharra led the members in Recitation of Section 3 of the Congressional Charter

Roll call of Officers held:

Position	Name	Present	Absent	Excused
Commander	William Scharra	x		
Sr Vice Commander	Robert Dean	x		
Jr Vice Commander	Frank Ballesteros	x		
Quartermaster	Brian Kelly	x		
Chaplin	Brownie Barnas	x		
Adjutant	George Boller	x		
Trustee	John Grant			x
Trustee	Clayton Spiedel			x
Trustee	John Schroeder	x		

Commander Scharra asked if there were any new members present:

None Present

Minutes read by Adjutant, Comrade Boller read the minutes of the July meeting. The Commander asked if there were any additions or corrections. There being none Comrade Kelly moved that the minutes be accepted at read. Seconded by Comrade Ballesteros. Motion carried.

The Commander asked for the Quartermaster's Report. Quartermaster Kelly reported that as of July 31 the checking account balance was \$7655.33, which includes a Welfare Fund of \$4069.29 and the saving account balance was \$8845.70, making the value of the Post \$16499.07. A motion to approve the report was made by Comrade Gavigan and seconded by Sr Vice Commander Dean. The motion carried. A copy of the Quartermaster's Report is attached to these minutes.

Bills Reported:

Bonding Fee for \$15,000 is due at a cost of \$80,
Annual Audit Oct meeting at 1800

A motion to approve payment(s) was made by Comrade Schroeder and seconded by Comrade Gavigan Motion Carried

Service Officers Report:

Pathfinders rented the Buffalo Naval Servicemen's Park Aug 8th to welcome home veterans and was well attended

US Military Veterans Stand Down will be held at Coca Cola Field from 1000 hr to 1500 hrs

Unfinished Business:

Money left over from Memorial Day was \$850. account to be opened at the credit union to use as seed money for improvements for the Veteran's Memorial Park. Comrade Schroeder made a motion to move the money from the VFW checking account to a special account at the Credit Union, seconded by Comrade Gavigan. Motion carried

Changes to the memorial would include landscaping and putting up of memorial plaques for each war/conflict that servicemen and women from Orchard Park served in. Estimates for these improvements are \$100,000

September Mixer moved to Oct 10th the only day that was available. Discussion as to whether or not we should charge for this event. Discussion to not charge for the Mixer Mixer to be held at the Post and that the date should be held. Comrade Gavigan made a motion to hold the Mixer on the proposed date of Oct 10th , seconded by Comrade Schroeder, motion carried

New Business:

Comrade Gavigan made motion to give a \$1000 to Pathfinder's, seconded by Comrade Knaisch, motioned failed to pass Comrade Gavigan then made a motion to give \$500 to the Pathfinder's, seconded by Comrade Shedler, motion carried

Money for Veterans Post is available from the Federal Government for improvements to their facility, Comrade Schroeder is looking into the possibility that these funds could be available for the improvement to Veterans Memorial Park

Letter from the DAR received requesting information about Viet Nam era veterans so that they can be honored by the DAR

There being no further business, Commander Scharra asked Chaplin Barnas to read the closing prayers followed by a final salute to the flag. Meeting adjourned at 1957 hours for Subs