

Post 22
Membership Meeting Minutes
November 28th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander Tolsma): 1800

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Larson)
- Pledge of Allegiance (re-cover cap upon completion)
- Recite Preamble of Constitution of The American Legion

Roll call to determine if quorum is present (min of 10) - 17 present

	Present	Absent	Excused
a. Commander	X		
b. Vice Commander		X	X
c. Adjutant	X		
d. Finance Officer	X		
e. Chaplain	X		
f. Historian	X		
g. Sergeant-at-Arms	X		

1. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting (Adjutant): Motion by R. Frantsvog to accept as read. Second by C. Douglas. Motion carries.
2. Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Tolsma)
 - a. New members: Don Dosch, Judson Phelps, and Wayne Swier. All were introduced by C. Van Delist.
 - b. Michelle Hough - Outreach and education specialist for the Black Hills Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention Team (Van): Talked to the members about Suicide prevention. 2 case managers (Hot Springs and Ft Meade). 42,000 suicides in the US a year/18% by veterans. Trying to get the information out there for those who haven't enrolled in the VA to do so. VA is improving their screening programs. Trying to be more proactive with a safety plan. Handed out cards for the Veterans crisis line...anyone can call this number (Vets press 1). They are also offering gun locks for free. Brochures on gun safety. Brochures for family members of vets so they know where to turn and what to do. They are trying to get the information out to the Veterans in any way possible. If you know of any group that could use this briefing, let her know (Work: 605-347-2511 ext: 6943 .. Cell: 605-490-0098). Suicide nationwide is 10 leading cause of death and 9th in SD. She is located at Ft Meade.
 - c. Teena Conrad from the Cornerstone Mission to discuss Veteran services at the mission (Van) - supportive services. Cornerstone Mission has a veterans wing with 14 beds and the items they need. Then the staff works with these vets to help them with their plans forward if they have them or help them make a plan. Work housing plans with them. 2 case managers in RC. Help vets get a house, or help them keep the one they

have...several other services also available. Stability plan helps them with their budget etc., they also work with the family members. Work with local landlords to get these individuals housing. Also the basics to set up a house (kitchen/bathroom stuff). They use a grant they have access to to make all of this happen. Want to work with the community to help get these items. They also check in with the vets once all of this is set up - follow-up. Tolsma asked what the success rate was (about 70-75% remain in the homes). Ball asked "how does the care center coincide with the Mission"? Lisa talked about the care center. Detox center/beds and safe/warming beds. Anyone can go there, because the Mission only takes people who are sober. Also have crisis care beds (Regional West)...they are only available for less than 24 hours. If you would like a tour of the mission, just stop by and they will show it to you.

3. Committee Reports

- a. Finance: (Harris) - as of 11/28/2018 (Members may request amounts by sending an email to post22rc@gmail.com)
 - i. Membership acct:
 - ii. SAL:
 - iii. Benevolence:
 - iv. Americanism:
 - v. Savings:
 - vi. House (Business) acct:
 - vii. **Legal Loan: (\$7,527.59) + an additional future bill of approximately 8K once the legal case is finalized.**
 - viii. Motion to accept finance report as read by R. Frantsvog and second by Duane Fink. Motion carries.
 - ix. John Wheeler asked for a report on the money we gave out of the Benevolence Acct. Harris gave him an approximate number with the help of the FSO (Ball).
 - b. Membership: (Harris)
 - i. **Goal: 638// Pd members: 439 = 69% of goal**
 - ii. Outstanding recruiters: Tolsma (3) and C. Van Delist (5)
 - iii. Harris said we need to have one of the squares so we can accept credit cards when we sign up new members. Ball said we already have 2 of these and a tablet...said he would give it to Harris for update and use.
 - c. Athletic Officer (Beau Garcia). Talked about an upcoming meeting for Baseball. 16th of Dec at 530PM...there will be 4 new Board members brought on. The meeting will be at the field. The fundraiser in January at the Convention Center
4. Sick call, relief and employment: (Fuller). Mary Ann Smith. Ben Holston (new member) getting heart surgery. Pushing the call list for funerals.
 5. Post Service Officer report: (Ball): Nothing to report. No requests.
 6. Unfinished business
 - a. Legal case with Pennington County (Tolsma): Hearing was cancelled for the 5th of November. The Judge will be deciding the case on its merits...no more meetings. We expect to here the final results on reimbursement for legal fees very soon...no date set.

- b. Upcoming Post Christmas party - 9 December from 2 - 4 PM: Bonnie Killian (Bar Manager) addressed the group asking for volunteers to set up the trees etc. Need to set up 3 trees. They can come anytime they want to help. The other decorations are back by the beer cooler. Santa is taken care of. John Wheeler talked to Club for Boys and looking for 30 - 50 coming. There will be gifts etc. Members can also donate gifts - They can give it to anyone behind the bar. Please wrap them and specify boy/girl and age group. Fuller will take that on to set up the group on the 2nd of December at 1200.

7. New Business and correspondence:

- a. Post 320 issue/vote (Tolsma/Harris) - Previously, the EC had voted to bring it to the membership on whether they would like to invite Post 320 to have their membership meetings at Post 22. Motion by John Wheeler to invite them to hold their meetings at Post 22, 2nd by C. Van Delist. Discussion was on logistics etc., and Harris said that the logistics could be figured out if/when the offer was made and accepted. Motion carried.
- b. Kitchen contract/changes (Tolsma): We will be changing the management back to the Post and end the contract with Beau's Kickstand, effective 1 January, 2018. This decision was made by the Executive Committee at their November 2018 meeting. Allows us to rent the rooms out and people can bring in their own food. As long as people don't share it with the bar. Angie was hired as the cook. 1 January is the proposed start of the new contract. Still working out all the details...menu and days/hours. Harris directed to contact those groups who currently utilize the kitchen services for their meetings to let them know the service will still be available.
- c. New sign for the front of the bldg (Tolsma). Old sign has neon and is constantly breaking. The same box will be used with LED and a cover to keep hail from breaking it. Tolsma gave some of the previous bids of 25K and 12K. Tolsma got it down to approx 4K. Will probably take another 5 weeks to get it made and attached. We will be saving the facings and auction them off as antiques. John Wheeler brought up the idea of donating it to the Baseball team to help raise money. Not sure how it will go. C. Van Delist says he will take on the sale of the old pieces.
- d. John Wheeler: Boys State fund raising. Encouraged the members to try to raise money for this.
- e. Harris talked about the fixes to the facility. The leaks were patched on the flat portions of the roof (both buildings) by Black Hills roofing. Harris is still waiting for bid(s) to fix those parts of the roof that were damaged by hail.
- f. No meeting in December because it falls the day after Christmas.

8. The good of The American Legion

- a. Ball mentioned that the LNI tournament has a Veterans appreciation night (Friday, 14 December at 5:15 PM).
- b. Chris Van Delist was appointed to the State Level Membership Committee. Said they were working on putting out some advertising pieces.
- c. Chris talked about a meeting for Boys State he was attending tomorrow.

Adjourn: 1915

The membership shall be permitted to make suggestions of any kind, character or description, save religion or partisan politics.