

The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes

January 23rd, 2019 at 6 P.M.

Opening Ceremonies (Commander) (6 P.M.)

- Post and salute the colors
- Chaplain offers prayer (remove cap)
- POW/MIA empty chair (Sergeant-at-Arms)
- 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 members): see sign in sheet

Follow with officer roll call: Present / Absent / Excused

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

- Reading of the minutes of previous meeting (Adjutant) Motion R. Frantsvog to accept the minutes as presented electronically (alpost22rcsd.com), Second by M. Ball. Motion carries.
 - o All Membership meeting minutes will be posted on our website: alpost22rcsd.com. Harris demonstrated to the membership how they can access the minutes by going to our website and selecting the "meeting minutes tab".
- Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
 - o New members: Michael Dover was present and introduced himself to the assembled members. Commander Tolsma welcomed him.
 - o Guest(s): Van Delist
 - **Jonathan Elm, MS, Post 9/11 VA Black Hills Transition Patient Advocate**, VA Black Hills Health Care System. Couldn't make it to the meeting due a death in his office.
 - **SDSM&T Veterans Club**: Simonton, Tillman and Flom (3 members). Talked about what they do at the college. Their organization is there to support the veteran students; helping them learn good study habits, etc. Approximately 150 students at SDSM&T are veterans. 60 are members of the Vets Club. Member Van Delist also talked about how he interacted with the Vets Club in his role as the First Source representative.
 - **Zymurcrazy Beer Company – Robert Verry: Navy and AF Veteran** owned business brought beer for us to try and talked about his business. All three partners in the business are veterans. Open Thursday through Sunday. Check their website (zymurcrazybeer.com) for hours. We are currently trying to get their beer on tap here at Post 22. Member Van Delist is working with our Bar Manager, Bonnie Killian to make this happen.

- Committee Reports
 - Finance (Harris): All as of 1/23/19 (Members may request numbers by sending an email to post22rc@gmail.com)
 - Membership Acct: \$
 - SAL Acct: \$
 - Americanism Acct: \$; \$1,000 of this money was presented to Post 22 from First Interstate Bank on the 11th of December 2018. The money was part of thousands FIB gives away to local charitable organizations at the end of each year. Harris reported that this money will be spent on Boys State and Post 22 Baseball.
 - Benevolence Acct: \$
 - Savings Acct: \$
 - Business Acct: \$
 - Legal Loan outstanding -\$
 - See 2018 Donations spreadsheet (see report on website – mtg minutes tab)
 - Motion by Frantsvog to accept the finance report, second by Ball. Motion carries.
 - Membership (Harris)
 - Goal of 638, currently at approximately 505 for 79%
 - Americanism (P. Douglas)
 - Reported on the Oratorical contest. Don Fuller helped recruit for Post 22, but they all wimped out on us. We held the District 2 contest here at Post 22 and Erica Houser will be our representative at the MidWinter Conference next month in Spearfish.
 - We are getting a bus for Boys State but still don't have a price yet.
 - 100th Anniversary (C. Douglas)
 - 14th of July 2019. We will have a birthday party with cake and ice cream. There will be several presentations. Looking for a proclamation from the Mayors Office. Will be in the afternoon, but don't have an exact time yet.
 - Also asked the members to bring in their memorabilia for display.
 - Other Posts are also putting on their celebrations...see the website for details.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller): Chaplain Fuller mentioned several individuals who recently had surgeries and one of our members (Cherrie) who had a heart attack.
- Post Service Officer report (Ball)
 - Talked about the money we gave via gas fill up (\$70) etc., for vets. We also gave \$200 to a person who is dealing with breast cancer. Our budget for the Benevolence Fund is \$300/month.
- Unfinished business
 - Post 22 sign update (Tolsma): Commander Tolsma brought a picture of our new sign and passed it around the room for the members to look at. Our new sign will be LED with a cover over it to keep the hail from taking it out. Our end cost is approx. \$4,700...this is down from the original \$12K+. It should be up in the next 2 wks.
 - Legal case of Post 22 v Pennington Co. – Final report (Tolsma): Tax exempt status of our club. Commander Tolsma gave a brief history of the case. We fought it all the way through the SD Supreme Court...they ruled that we are 100% exempt and along with lower courts, ordered Pennington County to pay part (approximately 20K) of our legal fees (approx. 53K). Our lawyer waived his personal fees, but not his staff fees. We ended up paying about 20K. We subsequently received a tax bill from the county for

about \$8K. Commander Tolsma talked to them and they said the bill will be abated down\$0. We will save about \$20K/year. Tolsma also reported that several other Posts in the state have submitted their requests for a \$0 tax bill.

- Post 22 Kitchen – Now back under Post 22 management (Tolsma): Tolsma and C. Van Delist spent a lot of time/effort getting the kitchen ready and open by 1 Jan 2019. Tolsma reported that we spent about \$8,500 to get the kitchen fully equipped and stocked with supplies. Hired Angie as the manager. So far business has been good; we are receiving a lot of positive feedback about the food.
 - Harris showed how people can access the kitchen information, including menu on our website.
 - Days/Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 1130 A.M. to 8 P.M. These were the days/times chosen based upon past experience with which days were busier as well as the desire to keep the managers hours down to 40. A plan is in place to extend the hours as needed/when needed.
- Post 320 response to invite hold their meetings at Post 22 (Harris)
 - Showed copy of Letter to group. Basically, 320 expresses a desire to work with Post 22 and utilize our facilities to host district meetings/etc. They will continue to hold their membership meetings at the VFW.
- New Business
 - Fire damage to storage shed (Tolsma)
 - Commander Tolsma reported that a couple of individuals had broken into one of our sheds and used a stack of A/C filters as “firewood” to keep warm while they enjoyed their beer. This fire apparently spread to the shed floor and other items (wheel chairs, walkers, beer coolers, filters, etc) in the shed. They then placed these items in the nearby dumpster which of course started it on fire. The shed and the items within are a total loss. The fire dept was notified and they put the fire out. Post 22 will work with our insurance company and will decide if we will replace the shed and the contents.
 - Schedule for TAL MidWinter conference (Feb 8-10): see website: alpost22rcsd.com
 - Can be accessed on the Post 22 website under the Post/Dept/Newsletter tab – “Up To Now”
- The good of the American Legion (Any member): No members had anything to add.
- Adjourn (703 P.M.)