



The American Legion, Post 22  
Regular Membership Meeting - Agenda  
January 27th, 2021 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 – 30+ present/via Zoom.

Follow with officer roll call:

Present / Absent / Excused

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| a. Commander (Tolsma)          | X |
| b. Vice Commander (Van Delist) | X |
| c. Adjutant (Harris)           | X |
| d. Finance Officer (Fink)      | X |
| e. Chaplain (Fuller)           | X |
| f. Historian (C. Douglas)      | X |
| g. Sergeant-at-Arms (Dosch)    | X |
- Minutes of previous meeting – Electronically posted on website:  
<https://www.alpost22rcsd.com/mtg-minutes-etc> (Adjutant)
  - Introduction of guests and prospective new members (Applicable host)
    - o **Oratorical Competition winner** (Post and District 2) presentation by Emma Raisanen. Will compete at State competition on February 21<sup>st</sup> in Oacoma SD. Emma presented her prepared oration to the members. Prior to the presentation she was interviewed by the KEVN evening anchor Aaron Dickens and the story appeared on the 9 P.M. news.
    - o **Presentation of \$2,500 to Post 22 Baseball** (Sponsorship of home team dugout). This is the first year of a 10-year commitment. Received by: Several members of the Parents Organization and Black Hills Sports. Look for picture on our FB page.
    - o New members: Many new members were introduced at the meeting and presented with an American Legion Coin. Their picture is available on our FB page.
      - Reilly Andresen
      - John Botts
      - Abigail Barnes
      - Matthew Cooke
      - Thomas Green
      - Shane Griffin

- Jim Hodges
  - Lisa Jendry
  - Ryan Skjodal
- Guest(s): Family and friends of our Oratorical competitor Anna Raisanen.
- **Committee Reports**
  - Finance (Harris): All as of **01/27/2021**
    - **Business: \$**
    - **Membership: \$** (Transferred \$2,000 to the Americanism Fund on 1/11/21 to cover our commitment to Post 22 Baseball)
    - **Benevolence: \$** (received \$500 from business to this account v. \$300)
      - Funds donated since last meeting: 1) Club For Boys - \$100; 2) Scouts of America Black Hills Area Council - \$100; 3) Meals on Wheels Western SD - \$100.
    - **Americanism: \$** (-\$2,500 check written to Post 22 Baseball for 2021 sponsorship)
    - **SAL: \$**
    - **Capital Improvement Savings: \$** (January 2021 we began transferring 2K/month into this account from the business account vice 1K).
    - **Building Repair Loan: \$** (We have a \$350+/month payment and we pay an additional 1K/month toward the principle from the business account). The roof repair is supposed to happen in April, 2021 and that will cost an additional \$20K.
  - Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573**.
    - Paid/renewed so far 521 = **91% of goal**
    - Presentation of New Member coins: See list above.
    - Presentation of Department Commander Pins: 18
      - Pins were presented to members who qualified in the following categories:
        - Recruited a new member.
        - Assisted in some way with the Oratorical contest.
        - Helped with Boys State.
        - Took part in Military rites at a veteran's funeral.
        - Helped with American Legion baseball.
  - **AL Riders Report** (M. Ball)
    - Asst. Director Mike Ball reported on the activities of the Riders during the last 3 months. He also let the members know that the Riders have decided against in person meetings until March. They will continue to provide Flag Lines and escort to honor veterans during funeral services.
  - **Post 22 Auxiliary Report**
    - Adjutant Harris passed on membership information to the new members present; letting them know that their spouses were eligible for membership in The Legion Auxiliary, and that it was now "Spouses Auxiliary vice Ladies Auxiliary".
  - Americanism (D. Fuller):
    - **Youth Trooper Academy** dates have changed. The dates are now July 12 – 16. If you know of anyone who planned to attend/wants to attend, please pass this information to them.

- Boys State is now recruiting for the upcoming session...May 31 – 4 June 2021. If you know of a boy who is either a Junior or Senior in H.S., they are eligible to attend this program.
    - Oratorical contest is coming up in Oacoma on 21<sup>st</sup> of Feb.
  - **Athletic Officer** (B. Garcia):
    - Status of the new stadium: The construction continue at a brisk pace and expect it to be open for the coming season.
    - Status of the team: reported that are 64 players signed up for this summer and they have begun indoor training sessions.
  - **Honor Guard** update (Harris):
    - Currently still building the team. They have approximately 14 members and still recruiting new members.
    - Purchasing a bugle and recorder to play taps.
    - Still working on fundraiser planning.
    - Several of the new members in the room joined Post 22 so they can be members of the Honor Guard.
- Sick call, relief and employment (Fuller):
  - Post Everlasting will now be 21 March.
  - Deceased members since last report
    - Donald Andrews
    - Jose Arguello
    - Daniel Brandt
    - Jerome Benson
    - Frank Mosset
    - Phillip Noble
    - Kenneth Northrup
    - Arnold Schumacher
    - Larry Wilsey
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
  - Helped several veterans file claims.
  - One we worked on was bumped up from 50 to 70% disability.
  - Worked with a couple of vets who needed help getting their GI benefits.
  - Held a scholarship board to give money to a veteran going to college.
- **Unfinished Business**
  - Facility Improvement projects update (Harris).
    - Replacing all 4 skylights (parts and labor donated by Bob Millies of Affinity Construction = **\$1,500+ donation**).
    - Replaced door handles/other hardware on both bathroom doors, and door to liquor/beer cooler room (\$1,500).
    - Installed new toilet in the Men's restroom (\$500).
    - Plan to replace regular lighting in Sm. Mtg. room with LED lights in the near future (Smith and Harris).
- **New Business**
  - Midwinter Conference was canceled due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.
    - The Department Oratorical Contest will still be held "in-person" on 21 February at 1030 in Oacoma. All participants/guests/audience members will be required to wear masks and observe social distancing.

- **Queen of Hearts** raffle (\$3,111) was won by Brenda Hveem on 17<sup>th</sup> of January. 50% of the pot goes to the winner - amount of \$1,555.50. Another \$777 went into the Capital Improvement Savings account to help pay for roof repairs. \$777 went back into the raffle.
- **Gun Raffle** has changed slightly. The weapons offered are slightly different than the original selection. The weapons now shown on the board have already been purchased so that whoever wins the raffle is able to receive the weapon quickly. The pandemic caused a shortage/slowdown of available guns.
- **Establishment of Scholarships.** Executive Committee approved and established scholarships for Oratorical/Boys State/Veteran Student. A separate bank account will be created to save the awarded monies until the winning students begin secondary schools.
  - \$1,000 for Oratorical (\$250 post/\$250 District/\$500 state for total of \$1,000)
    - Our current participant has already earned \$500 of this money and will earn the remaining \$500 if she wins at the State competition – good luck Emma!
  - \$1,000 for Boys State (Will be awarded to Boy with most successful record at Boys State – still working out the details).
  - \$1,000 from the benevolence fund for a Veteran currently attending a post-secondary institution.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
  - Lisa Jendry talked to the members about being in the Honor Guard.
  - Christine Speirs talked about upcoming DAV events that will provide some service to our members as well.
- Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. Social hour followed.