



The American Legion, Post 22
Regular Membership Meeting - Minutes
October 28th, 2020 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 (19)

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 New members:
 - Paul Rodriguez, U.S. Army. Total of 18 years as a logistics officer in Army. He's also our CPA for Post 22.
 - Jeri Erginkara, a 20+ year retired USAF Officer just moved here from Michigan.
 - o Guest(s) Molly Barari, Donor Recruitment Representative for Vitalant Blood Services in Rapid City – 10 minute presentation.
 - Took names and numbers and announced some changes to whom could donate blood. If you have previously been excluded from giving blood because of your time in Europe during the early 1990's (possible exposure to Mad Cow disease) you may now be eligible to donate.
 - There will be a military blood drive taking place on Veterans Day (November 11th). If you would like to schedule an appointment, please call Vitalant.
- Committee Reports
 - o Finance (Harris/Fink): All as of **10/28/2020**
 - Business: \$
 - Membership: \$

- Benevolence: \$ (+\$300 from Business Acct)
 - Americanism: \$ (+\$300 from Business Acct)
 - SAL: \$
 - Capital Improvement Savings: \$ (awaiting the October Xfer from Savings)
 - Capital Improvement Loan: **In the works to pay for new HVAC and Roof repair**
- Membership (Harris): 2021 Membership year starts 1 July 2020 = **Goal is 573.**
 - Paid so far: 64 PUFLs + 67 online + 277 via mail in = 408 = **71% of goal**
- AL Riders Report (Ball): No representative was available.
- Post 22 Auxiliary Report (T. Curry): No representative was available.
- Americanism (D. Fuller/Harris/Van Delist): Post 22 Oratorical contest to be held on the 5 Dec at SDSM&T. District level will be in January.
 - Funds request for supplies (Fuller): Need a temp check for the contest. Need latex gloves and masks. Need to purchase these things...will be provided by SDSM&T. Some of the items are already available at SDSM&T and will be made available during the competition.
 - Foundation Funds awarded to Boys State (Harris): Department Americanism Chairman Harris requested a \$2,000 grant from the Foundation to help supplement the costs incurred by Boys State for the upcoming 2021 session.
- Athletic Officer (B. Garcia):
 - Awarding of Regional National Tournaments (2022 and 2023) to Post 22. The State tournament was supposed to go to Post 22 in 2021, but it has been backed up to 2022. These are great fundraisers for the team. Garcia reported that construction is still on schedule for the new stadium.
- Sick call, relief, and employment (Fuller):
 - Recent deaths: Lost 3 members, Cecil J. Stoner, Ruben Lehr, and Benjamin D. Artichoker. These members will be honored next spring in the Post Everlasting ceremony.
 - Last man standing: Recruited for this program.
 - There will be no Wakes, because of the RONA, so no one will be getting calls for that.
- Post Service Officer report (Van Delist)
 - A couple of referrals to the County VSO. There is a lot of COVID money out there with other agencies, so we aren't getting too many requests.
 - There was a request from a Veteran to get money to get his car out of impound. Denied.
 - Worked with another Veteran to track down his records and time in IRAQ.
 - Working with another gentleman who needs help with his housing. This gentleman is in assisted living.
 - Proposed scholarship for a veteran attending a 4 yr college. Currently looking at \$1K scholarship...this will be discussed at the upcoming EC meeting.
 - 14th of November (10:30 to 1 P.M), the VETS club from Mines will be having a Chili cookoff contest at Post 22. \$5 to eat, \$15 to enter the contest. There will be prizes (maybe 6 to 8 hundred dollars, which they donate to a Vets Charity).
- Unfinished Business
 - Plans for Veterans Day Dinner (Harris)
 - Considering the huge increase in COVID-19 infections, do we want to move forward on this event? If so, what precautions should we take? Several members gave their opinions/advice on this topic.

- The recommendation was to have the EC meet after the regular meeting to decide.
 - Facility repairs (Harris)
 - Carpet patch/replacement in Dart room completed. (Fink)
 - Repairs/Mnx to kitchen exhaust fans completed. (Smith)
 - Roof leak repairs to older building (Harris)
 - Need to replace a few of the ceiling tiles damaged by earlier leaks.
 - Planned partial replacement of roof over “bar” building (Van Delist)
 - Van Delist reports that our contractor plans to begin the 1st of November on this replacement.
- New Business
 - Post 22 Honor Guard presentation (Shari Bradstream). Member Bradstream addressed the members on the progress made toward reconstituting our Honor Guard. So far 8 people have signed up to take part. Minimum number will be 12, so if you are interested, please contact her. There will be a subsequent email with all the information sent out to our members (Harris).
 - Adjutant Harris reported that he submitted a Grant request to the state for the Small Business Nonprofit COVID interruption program (grants as high as \$100K). The rules changed several times before the program went final so no idea exactly what amount we might be eligible for. Hopefully \$30K using the formula provided.
- The Good of the American Legion (Any member)
 - Historian C. Douglas encouraged members to vote next Tuesday (November 3rd).
 - Post 22 Media specialist, Troy Falardeau mentioned our FB account and reported that he would be posting daily information in there starting November 1st on Veterans information, etc. Also a list of who will be handing out free meals to Veterans on Veterans Day. Talked a little about the VFW honor guard, who will be doing a presentation on Nov 11th at Memorial Park.
 - Commander Tolsma reported that due to Holiday conflicts, there will be no regular meetings in November and December of 2020. Our next meeting will be the 4th Wednesday in January of 2021.
- Adjourned: This regular meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Following the Regular meeting, a special meeting of the Executive Committee was called. The members discussed whether to cancel the Veterans Day Dinner. After much discussion, member D. Harris made a motion to cancel this year’s dinner due to a significant rise in COVID-19 cases within Pennington County and SD. Second by C. Van Delist. Motion carried. Harris will take steps to notify all members of this cancellation.