

- Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; checks cashed were \$250 and \$300 to SDAL donations and \$500 to 40&8 Nursing Scholarships).
- Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$500; Deposit \$2,550 in monies raised for Boys State; checks cashed were \$2,500 for Post 22 Baseball and \$200 for BHAC - Scouting).
- SAL Acct: \$ (Deposits of \$160 from fundraising; donating \$350 for Boys State and \$325 for Girls State; checks cashed were \$500 to RCAS for School meals and the \$350 for Boys State).
- Honor Guard: \$ (debits of \$48.36 for phone service, \$432 spent on various items via Amazon etc.).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$. (Transferred \$500 from Americanism Acct., to cover Oratorical Scholarship winner).
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$. (\$5,000 transferred out on 3/18/2024 to pay on the principle of our loan).
- Loan: (\$) We have paid approximately **\$20,000** on this loan since the beginning of the year (includes \$17,000 paid on principal and \$2,900 pd on loan).
- We have \$ in our accounts and a debt of (\$)...**why is that?**
 - Commander Harris explained that closing the kitchen all but one day a week (also open for catering) has kept it from being a “black hole” of income. This has allowed us to recover from the huge losses experienced by the end of May 2023. We are now back to being a profitable “business” where our profits can go to our programs (Veterans/Americanism/Children and Youth/local charities). It has also allowed us to put a lot of money toward paying off our loan.
- **Executive Committee update:**
 - A meeting held on March 16th:
 - Voted to transfer \$5K from Savings Acct to pay down our loan.
 - Voted to begin placing \$1,000/month from the business account into the savings account. This money will primarily then be paid on the principal of our loan to get it paid off as fast as possible.
 - Voted to give our manager a raise. He has reached his 2-year anniversary.
 - Set the date for “Spring Cleanup”/removal of brick wall/patio railing. The date will be 20 April following our EC meeting at approximately 10 A.M.
 - Discussed the plan for installing our new camera system (indoor and outdoor).
 - Voted to update/change the rules of the Queen of Hearts fundraiser and clarified that the proceeds were to go toward paying off our loan/repairs/updates to the facility.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545.**
 - Paid so far 523 = **96% of goal. We only have 22 to go to reach our goal. If you haven’t yet paid, please do so ASAP.**
 - SAL: Goal of 57: Paid so far 41 = **72% of goal.**
 - New members recruited – Commander’s Challenge (Steak dinner for anyone who recruits at least 3 new members...at Post 22 only).
 - Doug Harris (8)
 - Chris Van Delist (3)
 - Joe Aldentaler (3)

- Lyle Tolsma (3)
 - Don Dosch (3)
 - Gary Stanley (2)
 - Casey Hanson (2)
 - Don Fuller (2)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (2)
 - Don Snyder (1)
 - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
 - Jason Skala (SAL) (2)
 - Jackie Miller (1) counted as a transfer.
 - Donald Miller (1)
- **Go-Getter Pins** (at least 3 new members) awarded to:
 - Harris/Aldentaler/Tolsma/Dosch. Present any pins that have recently been earned: Van Delist
- **AL Riders Report** (John Fleming): Next meeting will be on March 28th at 6:30 P.M. Nothing else to report.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Skjoldal):
 - Rent a Vet – March 23, Apr 13th Backup 6 to 8 P.M.; need volunteers.
- **SAL** (J. Skala):
 - March madness brackets – all full brackets.
 - Baseball boards are up.
 - Donated \$500 to RCAS
 - Also donated for 1 Boys State, and 1 Girl State (\$675)
- **Post 22 Auxiliary Report** (T. Fuller):
 - Hosting pancake breakfast on 3rd Sunday of April and May.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - We currently have **13 young men** from Stevens HS and STM HS signed up for Boys State.
 - Interviews were held on 9 and 16 March, as well as today.
 - **Show the PP slides.** (Harris)
 - District 1 & 2 Orientation is scheduled for May 11th at 12 noon. The Girls State orientation will happen the same day.
 - District 2 YTA interviews will take place at Post 22 on April 4th at 6 P.M.
- **Athletic Officer** (Lyle Tolsma):
 - There are 4 Post 22 baseball teams this year. Double-header on second week of April.
 - Post 22 has four season (box seat) tickets. Located in the membership drawer. Any member can use these to attend a game, but the tickets must be returned to the Post right after the game so someone else can use them.
- **Chaplain** (D. Fuller):
 - Deaths and Sick Call:
 - Deaths: Fay A Marsh; De L Benson
 - Sick Call: Steve and Mike are doing better.
- **Post Service Officer** (H. Rossander)

- Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
 - Facility update: nothing new to report. Everything seems to be in working order (keep your fingers crossed).
 - Looking for volunteers for the future project of dismantling and removing the brick wall in front of the old building in **April. Date now set for Saturday, April 20th following the EC Meeting.**
 - We will be cleaning up the grounds.
 - Trimming the hedges.
 - Fixing the rocks on the East side.
 - Removing the brick wall in front of the old building.
 - Hopefully installing the railing around our patio.
 - Looking for someone who would be willing to take over/manage our Americanism Programs (Boys State/Oratorical/Youth Trooper). **Update.**
 - Currently in training: Member Shane Griffin. He has been involved in the Boys State interviews.
 - Membership payment news (**We are only 21 renewals away from making our 2024 goal**): National is still offering the option to pay for 3 years in advance at the current price of \$40.
 - Those who haven't yet paid for 2024, you can pay (online only at Legion.org using their membership # and credit card) for 2024-2026 at the current \$40. That will save you at least \$15 over the 3-year period as dues go up.
 - Those who have paid for 2024 already, now have the option of paying (online only at Legion.org using their membership # and credit card) for 2025-2027 at the current \$40/yr. This will save you approximately \$25 over that 3-year period as dues are increased at the National and State levels.
 - This does not affect those with a PUFL membership.
 - Post 22 has no plans to increase their portion of the yearly dues, but we must increase the basic price to reflect a \$5/year increase from National (2025) and a future (2026) \$5/year "anticipated" increase at the State (Department) level.
- **New Business:**
 - District 2 Spring Meeting: will be held in Martin S.D. on the 14th of April, starting at 11 A.M.
 - Nominations for Officer Positions start at this meeting.
 - Commander: Ryan Skjoldal
 - 1st Vice: Don Dosch
 - 2nd Vice: Rickey Jendry
 - Finance Officer: Paul Rodriguez
 - Chaplain: Gary Stanley
 - Historian:
 - Sgt-At-Arms: Tony Anable
 - Nominations for Executive Committee Positions (7 available, but 2 are filled by the winners of the Commander and Finance Officer positions and 1 is filled by whomever the Commander appoints as the Adjutant):

- Doug Harris
 - Lyle Tolsma
 - Tom Smith
 - Ryan Skjoldal
 - Paul Rodriguez
 - Don Dosch
- **Good of The American Legion** (Any member):
 - John Jambor – PGA golf lessons for Vets. (605-490-0795)
 - Hugh “Homer” Holmes – nominated for National Vice Commander, seeking Department endorsement.
- **Adjournment:** 7:10 P.M.
 - **A social hour followed the meeting.**