



The American Legion, Post 22
 Membership Meeting - Minutes
 October 18th, 2023 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):

Follow with officer roll call:	Present	/ Absent	/ Excused
a. Commander (D. Harris)	X		
b. 1 st Vice Commander (R. Skjoldal)		X	Y (Military School)
c. 2 nd Vice Commander (R. Jendry)	X		
d. Adjutant (F. Pilgrim)	X		
e. Finance Officer (P. Rodriguez)	X		
f. Chaplain (D. Fuller)	X		
g. Historian (K. Skjoldal)		X	
h. Sergeant-at-Arms (D. Dosch)	X		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New members: Billy Lindsey/USA transferred from Fort Collins; Michael Bekaert/USA transferred from Post 109; Jennifer Rollins/USAF ○ Guests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quinn Gorman (Boys State 2023) Douglas H.S. • Henry Garcia* (recently returned from 12 month deployment) • Financial Report (P. Rodriguez) as of: 10/18/2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Business Account (Rodriguez/Harris): \$ ○ Membership Acct: \$. ○ Benevolence Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$1,000 to cover September and October; Deposit \$200 from Dacotah Bank-donation; debit of \$171.77 for the BH Vets March; debit of \$200 to Final Salute – Homeless Women Vets). ○ Americanism Acct: \$ (Deposit from Business Acct. of \$1,000 to cover September and October) ○ SAL Acct: \$ (Deposit \$1,125 from fundraising). 			

- Honor Guard: \$ (Deposit \$100; debit \$46.72 for straight talk phone service).
- Scholarship Sav Acct: \$
- Capital Improvements Savings: \$.
- Loan: (\$)
- **Executive Committee** (EC) minutes (highlights). Reported by Commander Harris.
 - The majority of every Executive Committee Meeting is spent on the financial status of the Post. We review our current accounts and the Profit and Loss Statement provided by our Finance Officer. We make decisions on how to spend our money. We also review and authorize expenditures to fix/replace equipment for the facility. We look at projects/ideas from our Legion Family members. Anyone who comes forward with additional projects for Post 22 must also provide their “plan” for this project to include who will be the POC, how it will be funded, and the list of volunteers who will make it happen.

Kitchen issue

- Was closed for the Summer. June – August and reopened for Wednesday Nights only, to serve the Lion’s Club and Steak dinners (limited menu)
 - Was rearranged and thoroughly cleaned from top to bottom. Jason spent about 2 months on this project.
 - “New/donated” grill installed.
 - “New/donated” electric oven/stovetop.
 - Old and unused equipment/utensils/containers were donated/recycled.
- Now available for Catering and “Family” Fundraisers.
 - Any group who uses the kitchen must thoroughly clean it and all equipment used following use. Failure to do so will result in privileges being revoked.
 - There is now a Catering Menu posted to our website.

Food options:

1. It was decided to offer pizzas in the bar as our only food option the other 6 days of the week. The EC authorized purchase of two pizza ovens. Sales have been going well and we make a profit on every single pizza.
2. We authorized “potluck” for Sunday football days again.

Other:

1. The sale of drink chips has ended. Anyone who has a Post 22 drink chip has until December 31st to turn them in.
 - We are still waiting on bids for the installation of railing around the new patio. Due to the financial hit, we experienced with the kitchen, this project has been delayed until next Spring.
- **Membership** (Harris/Dosch): 2024 Membership year starts 1 July = **Goal is 545 (up from 527)**.
 - Paid so far 365 = **67% 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 (4)

- Joe Aldentaler (3)
 - Gary Stanley (2)
 - Casey Hanson (2)
 - Don Snyder (1)
 - Don Fuller (1)
 - Ryan Skjoldal (1)
 - Kyle Skjoldal (1)
 - Lyle Tolsma (1)
 - Chris Van Delist (1)
- **AL Riders** Report (Director John Fleming):
 - 10 December 2023 @ 1300 to 1600 – Pictures with Santa (Mike Ball) – 10 Kids with Rural Initiative or more groups with a total of 50.
 - Christmas Party 7th Dec 2023 6pm dinner and gift exchange and cards game. All family members are welcome to purchase a ticket and attend.
 - Christmas Tree @ the Capital. Decorating from 9am to 1pm on the 18th Nov 23 all legion family welcome. Need to know how many by 1st of Nov. POC is Melanie Martens: 605-484-6728.
 - Just completed a 600-mile memorial escort from Montana to Vivian, SD
 - Will be meeting with Sturgis 1st graders on October 20th.
- **Honor Guard** (R. Jendry):
 - Participated/posted colors at Salvation Army Walk for Life. Donated coats.
 - Will have completed 3 memorial ceremonies at the B.H. National Cemetery in October.
 - A fund raiser will be held at Pizza Ranch on December 20th from 5 to 8 p.m.
 - An Honor Guard Christmas party is being planned. Announcement to follow.
- **SAL** (J. Skala): Football boards have been a great fundraiser.
- **Post 22 Auxiliary** Report (T. Curry/T. Fuller):
 - Next meeting on Tuesday the 24th of October (6 P.M.)
 - Breakfast feed once a month starting on October 8th (2nd Sunday of the month) in the Post lower meeting room from 8 AM to 12 PM.
 - Has requested help with distributing poppies. Outside on Veterans Day (downtown).
 - Diaper collection will be taking place...play pen out in the lobby. Starting 10/17/2023.
 - Bingo cancelled UFN.
 - 29th of OCT 2023 @ 1300 doing a Halloween Party
 - Pumpkin Painting - 40 Pumpkins.
 - Game tables will be there. NO GLITTER ALLOWED!!!
 - Looking for candy donations.
 - Will supply all pies for Veterans Day dinner here at the Post.
- **Americanism** (D. Harris):
 - Boys State, Youth Trooper, and Oratorical information being sent out to schools. Next program will be the Oratorical contest starting in December.
 - Quinn Gorman has been identified for Oratorical Contest.
 - I attended and spoke at the Scouts BH Area Council last week to distribute information on the big 3.
 - Scout Troop 72 (members of) will be present at our Veterans Day dinner to help with the meal.

- Commander Harris has received an appointment to the National Americanism Commission.
- **Athletic Officer** (no rep present): Nothing to report.
- **Chaplain** - Sick call, relief, and employment (D. Fuller): Two Post 22 members have passed away -
 - Charles Ward, Sturgis, SD
 - Robert L. Simon of
 - Ray Andrews
 - Sick Call – Steve Vrabel & Harry Rossander
- **Post Service Officer** report (H. Rossander): Nothing to report.
- **Old Business:**
 - Facility update:
 - Roof: Still a few minor leaks in the roof. BHE was here before the big rain and hopefully fixed our worst leak. They have been back to look at the smaller leaks too. Don't know if we have a complete fix yet.
 - BHE: Still waiting for a date to finish the front of the old building. **Ongoing.**
 - Doug has repaired holes in the walls in the two meeting rooms and painted.
- **New Business:**
 - Preparation for Veterans Day Event.
 - Parade: need to find a car or truck for the parade.
 - The TAL/SAL/ALA/and Riders have met for the Turkey Dinner planning.
 - The event will be from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. on November 11th.
 - Details will be posted on the Post 22 website/Facebook site.
 - Mike Ball made a **motion to cancel the November Members Meeting due to the November 11th Veterans Day Event 4 days prior. Seconded by Paul Douglas. No discussion. Motion carried.**
- **The Good of the American Legion** (Any member):
 - Volunteer opportunities:
 - November 10th: The Adult Day care center is looking for Veterans to come in to spend time with the resident veterans. Cake and coffee will be served. They are looking for 5+ people to come in around 1 P.M. Please let Doug know if you would like to attend following the meeting.
 - November 10th...Pinedale Elementary School has a Veterans Day program. 9 – 10 A.M. All Veterans invited.
 - Annual Northern Hills Veterans Appreciation “We’ve Got Your Six” – Saturday, November 4th, 2023, at Sturgis Community Center from 11 am to 2 pm.
 - November 7th, Veteran’s club chili cook off at School of Mines at 1100/lunch time.
 - February 29th 40/8 will be giving scholarships. Tickets will be available immediately.
- Adjournment: Meeting concluded at 7:11 P.M.