



Minutes for General Membership Meeting 7/13/2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MIKE STEFFES AT 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Mike Steffes, Bill Juchartz, Dennis Bielskis, Bob Dew, and Ron King.

61 MEMBERS PRESENT

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President – Mike Steffes welcomed guests/new members. Thanked everyone for the successful car Shows, in spite of several rain cancellations! Also, thanked people for their presence at the 4th of July Plymouth Parade.

Guests: Nancy Hineman, Jan Spittler, and Wally Dixon(all three are also AVVA members now!), and Rod Tanner.

1st Vice President: Bill Juchartz: No Report.

2nd Vice President: Dennis Bielskis: No Report.

Secretary: Ron King - minutes from the 6/8/2009 meeting have been published.

Motion to approve the minutes subject to corrections. Read correspondence.

M/ Dale Luebke /SEC/ Gordy Dorey

***** MOTION CARRIED*****

Treasurer-Bob Dew: Presented the Profit & Loss Report.

M/ Gary Kubik /SEC/ Joe Agius

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report, subject to audit.

***** MOTION CARRIED *****

Chaplain-Rick Popa: 1. The Veteran pins passed out at our meetings are appreciated by other groups and individual veterans. 2. "Ouch"(Gary Boucher) is having complications with his hip replacement. 3. Card and flowers sent to Sandy Troell, and 4. Donation from the chapter was made in memory of Dale Luebke's Mothers' passing.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius: No Report.

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- Membership is now at 191 members. Four (4) new AVVA applications tonight to bring their membership to 48!

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux –The Color Guard received two plaques. One from Westland for the "Best Military Unit in the Parade", and the second one from Plymouth. This plaque was presented to the Color Guard as they were marching in the 4th of July Parade. Congratulations! The Color Guard was also present at Carl Purcell's Funeral (Mayor of Plymouth, Phil Purcell's Father).

Product Sales: Gary Boucher – No Report

State Product Sales - John Riling: Still not sure if a Fort Knox Tour will be offered to the National Convention Delegates while in Louisville, KY.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan: No Report.

Webmaster/Home Front Editor - Tom Brown: The Newsletter Home page is redesigned to one page. In addition, we now have 60 webpages. Also, Ted Enright is a photographer for the Newsletter, and Mike Steffes and Jay Roberts are added to the newsletter staff. There are 273 local VVA chapters, and 28 State Councils.

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson: No Report.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly: She attended the AVVA Michigan State Council Meeting.

VFW Liaison - Gary Kubik: Thanked everyone who worked at the 4th of July VFW BBQ.

A.O. Health Care

Coordinator - Vaughn Hull: No Report

V.A. Hospital Rep - Vaughn Hull: No Report

VA Service Rep – Aggie Little: No Report

VVA State Council - Gary Estermyer: Still uncertain of HB 250, Section 707 outcome! However, of the current 11 Veterans organizations funded by the State, only six are being considered to remain. Luckily, the VVA is still one of them! Also, does the Chapter want to host a State Council in 2010? Discussion for future meeting.

Fundraising - Bob Dew: Some fundraiser ideas are in the works. Possible considerations include a Vegas-style Poker Night, or a Cruise. More to follow.

Chapter Special Committee Reports:

A. “528” Point Man Program- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro- No Report.

B. Chapter’s Travel site update- Bob Dew - No Report

C. Kokomo Reunion (September 18-20th 2009) - Dale Luebke: 64 days a wake-up! See Dale to Sign up. As of now, approximately 44 people are attending!

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Scholarship Essay question was agreed to by all. It is question #5 pertaining to Patriotism.

Donation-Motion requests: -

Motion to donate \$45.00 to the St. Raphael Advertising Magazine.(An annual donation).

M/John Fleming

/SEC/ Ron King

Board Approved

*******Motion Carried*******

Announcements:

VFW 50/50 raffle tickets on sale for \$5.00 each.

Veterans Tiger Ball Game, July 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. All tickets sold(4 handicapped).

UAW Veterans Car Show, August 1, 2009, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fall Festival, September 10,11, and 12, 2009.

Sweetest Day, October 17th --Dinner/Dance. Tickets are \$10.00.

Next Membership Business Meeting is: **Monday, August 10, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at VFW**

Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

M/ Jim Dorey

/SEC//Rick Ciaramitaro

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MIKE STEFFES

RON KING