



Minutes for General Membership Meeting 5/11/2009

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

57 MEMBERS PRESENT

OFFICERS REPORTS:

President – Mike Steffes welcomed guests/new members, Agenda for May 11th GM Meeting.

Guests: Guests Introductions and or Concerns if any.

1. Eagle Scout, Michael Pool. Gave a presentation to buy his First Aid Kits to help raise funds for the John D. Dingell VA Medical Center.
2. Nancy Hineman. Gave a presentation on In-Home Health Care Services.
3. Steve Monihan. VFW Post Commander 112, and Plymouth Township Chairman for the Memorial Day Parade. Parade begins at 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 25th.

1st Vice President – Bill Juchartz – Excused.

2nd Vice President – Dennis Bielskis – No Report

Secretary – Ron King - minutes from the previous meeting have been published.

Motion to approved the minutes subjected to corrections. Read correspondence.

M/ Mike Schlott /SEC/ John Bresnahan

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

Treasurer – Bob Dew. John Fleming representing Bob.

M/ Rick Ciaramitaro /SEC/ John Bresnahan

MOTION TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT SUBJECT TO AUDIT.

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

Chaplain - Rick Popa – Welcomed Moe Swope back after successful heart by-pass surgery. Sent flowers for the passing of Jay Roberts' Mother-In-Law.

Committee Reports:

Chapter By-Laws – Joe Agius – Page 13 is added to the Chapter's By-Laws.

Membership - Bob Lamoureux- One new member, Gary Grant. Membership stands at 185, and 44 AVVA members.

Color Guard - Bob Lamoureux – Color Guard will be present at the Knollwood Cemetary Memorial ceremony on May 24th, at 1:00 p.m. On May 25th, the Color Guard will lead the Plymouth Memorial Day Parade at 8:30 a.m., ending at the Plymouth Veteran's Memorial Park. The Rifle Squad will go to Northville for their Memorial parade. The Color Guard will also march June 6th at Canton's Liberty Fest event.

Product Sales - Gary Boucher – No Report

State Product Sales - John Riling – The Military Moms appreciated the Dog Tags that were made for them. John will be in Coldwater, MI, at the Moving Wall May 14-18th.

Public Affairs - Don Dignan- Chapter Car Wash at Main Street Car Wash this Sunday, May 17th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Webmaster/Home front Editor - Tom Brown- Website photos updated. A new category now for AVVA. Dean Bell stated that the Scholarship Essay Program is underway. A motion was made to fund three scholarships totally \$1500.00(one for \$700.00, one for \$500.00, and one for \$300.00).

M/Rich Whipple /SEC/ Dale Luebke

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

POW/MIA - Al Kerbyson- 1742 US personnel still listed as POW/MIA, of which 53 are from Michigan.

AVVA Rep – Norma Demerly –

VFW Liaison - Mike Schlott- Thanked all who helped with the yard clean-up, April 25th.

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 – No State council meeting this month. Gary and Dennis Bielskis are attending a State meeting in Moline, IL Saturday, May 16th.

Fundraising - Joe Agius- No Report

Chapter Special Committee Reports:

A. **“528” Point Man Program**- Rich Whipple & Rick Ciaramitaro
Leroy Page from Belleville is the Point Man for the Downriver area.

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

C. Kokomo Reunion (September 18-20th 2009) - Dale Luebke – 128 and a wake-up! Confirmation made for 12 sites. August 1st, is the UAW Car Show. We will donate our Dog Tag machine for them again this year.

OLD/CURRENT BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

The Newsletter(Homefront) Editor has final “say” on Newsletter content. **BOARD APPROVED.**

Donation-Motion requests: -

Motion to donate \$100.00 to Plymouth Lions Club for Plymouth Memorial Parade.

M/Mike Steffes /SEC/ Mike Schlott **Board Approved**

~~~~~**Motion Carried**~~~~~

Motion to fund the AVVA's representative at the National Convention.

M/ Dennis Bielskis /SEC/ Jim Austin **Board Approved**

~~~~~**Motion Carried**~~~~~

Motion to donate \$100.00 to Baskets for Veterans.

M/ Rick Ciaramitaro /SEC/ Dale Luebke **Board Approved**

~~~~~**Motion Carried**~~~~~

Motion to donate \$1000.00 to the James Hannan US Naval Sea Cadets.

M/ Bob Paul /SEC/ Jim Austin **Board Approved**

~~~~~**Motion Carried**~~~~~

Announcements:

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

Fishing Derby, Saturday, May 16th.

Next Board Meeting - May 26, 2009 at 7p.m. VFW

Next Membership Business Meeting is: Monday, June 8, 2009 7:00 p.m. at VFW

Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

M/ Jim Doren

/SEC/Bob Paul

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MIKE STEFFES

RON KING