

TROY AMERICAN LEGION POST 49
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

The March 13, 2022 meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President, Mike Powers. Opening ceremonies were conducted.

Roll Call: There were 18 members present

Secretary's Report: The February Minutes were read. Jeni made a motion to accept, Bill seconded and the motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: A full copy of the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request, if anyone would like to review it.

Road Captain's Report: Bob reported that all 3 benefits rides for the 2022 season are now officially scheduled. First planned ride of the season will be the Maple Festival on April 24th. We're meeting at the Legion at 9, leaving at 9:30.

Membership Chairman's Report: Carl reported that we have 33 members, 30 paid for 2022, with 3 who still need to pay. This puts us at 91% for 2022.

Old Business: Jeni reported on the Golf Tournament as Mike Duda was not available. She is working on the Small Games of Chance portion of the event and reminded everyone that all sponsor monies collected need to go to Mike Duda. She reported that Nancy Sheffield's cousin gave a \$2,000 donation with \$200 going toward hole sponsorships and \$1,800 directly to our Relief Fund. She said we do need baskets for the basket raffle if everyone could please work on that.

Steve Chappell brought up the previously submitted donation request from the Student Veterans Association at Mansfield University. Jeni made a motion that we donate \$500, Rhonda Claiborne seconded and the motion was carried.

New Business: We welcomed new members, Mike Cooper and Dave and Judy Frost.

We received a request from the POW/MIA Freedom Car Campaign for sponsorship money. Jeni made a motion that we donate \$100, Jeff Claiborne seconded and the motion carried.

Jeni mentioned that the Auxiliary is funding a bus trip for veterans to the WWII Museum in Eldred with lunch at Sprague's Maple Farms Restaurant in Portville on July 21st. It is open to the first 50 veterans who sign up. She will have more information at the next meeting and would like us to consider giving a donation toward the expenses. She will have more information next month.

Jeni mentioned that there is a clause in our By-Laws that we are to send \$50 every January to ALR PA Inc. No one knows who this is or how it came to be in our By-Laws and no money has been sent to this corporation over the past several years. Jeni made a motion that we remove the clause from the By-Laws, Bill seconded and the motion carried. Bob will remove this from our By-Laws effective immediately and post an updated copy of the By-Laws on our website.

I received correspondence that the DEC Meeting will be April 29th to May 1st in Pittsburgh at the Comfort Inn RIDC. Hotel rooms are \$102.60 per night and the deadline for registration is March 22nd. There will be a corresponding dinner held for Commander Mike Murphy on April 30th at the same hotel – cost is \$35 per person with reservation required by April 15th. Sign up forms are on our website.

I created a simple application for people to use to request help from our Relief Fund. The application asks for their name, address, phone number, branch of service, number of people in their household, monthly income and a description of their need. It further states that, after review, if accepted, they will need to provide a photo ID and proof of honorable discharge – and in the case of a widow, also a copy of the marriage license and death certificate. Exceptions could be made for individuals who are personally known to us or other extenuating circumstances. I made a motion that we use the application, Jeni seconded and the motion carried. Bob will be putting the application on our website.

Steve mentioned that he has a neighbor who is a veteran who has had a stroke. He is in desperate financial need. It was decided that he should complete an application since we are going to begin using them.

I suggested that we use paper nomination forms and ballots for the Officer Election this year due to the number of people who are unavailable during meeting times. It was agreed that this was a good idea. I handed out nomination forms for people to complete and bring to the April meeting. Additional forms will be available at the April and May meetings. Jeni made a motion that Randy Colton be the election director and he will be responsible for reporting nominations and final votes, Carl seconded and the motion carried.

Jeni let us know that she would not be serving another term as Treasurer. Please start thinking about who you would like to nominate for that and the other positions. Nominations are held in April and May with the vote in June.

Nancy brought up Bike Night for this summer. She made a motion that we hold them on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, May through August. Jeni seconded the motion and it carried.

Correspondence: None

Closing Comments: Closing prayer was led by Jody Chappell

Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully Yours,

Tammy Calkins, Secretary