

TROY AMERICAN LEGION CHAPTER 49 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER

The October 9th, 2022 meeting was called to order at 1801 hrs and opening ceremonies were performed.

ROLL CALL: There were 12 members present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The reading of the September minutes were read. Motion by Jeni to accept; second by Bill. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A breakdown of the club's financials were given by Nancy. A detailed report is available upon request. Motion to accept by Carl; seconded by Linda. Motion carried. After the secretary's and treasurer's report were accepted the group assembled at the flag memorial to raise the flags after being at half staff in honor of the Fall Firefighters Memorial for the day.

ROAD CAPTAIN'S REPORT: We had 8 bikes attend our social ride to Santino's restaurant in Waterville on September 17th. A good time was had by all. The weather and the scenery was beautiful. We had 5 bikes participate in the "Wall That Heals" escort on October 4th. The weather was not the best due to the rain, however the escort was well received by the public as we traveled from Wysox to Sayre. Each rider received a pin in appreciation of our effort. Also, patches were available for purchase in support of the program. Detachment 19-8 of the CVMA in New York state was in charge of the escort. The check for the Troy Fire dept has yet to be delivered. It was thought that a member of the dept would be in attendance for the presentation tonight, but no one was present. Bob will contact the dept and set up a presentation in the near future. Animal Care Sanctuary has yet to accept their monies from our ride. We were going to stop on the way back from Sayre, but due to the weather it did not happen. The Bradford County Memorial Ride had 47 people participate. Randy and Carl attended from our chapter. It was stated that it was better organized than in the past and it was a very nice ride.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: We have 35 members with 14 having paid their 2023 dues leaving us at 40% which is pretty good for September.

OLD BUSINESS: We still have plenty of meat raffle tickets available as we have about a month until the drawing. After the completion of the raffle we will do an after action report and decide if we will do the meat raffle again next year.

NEW BUSINESS: We received pamphlets from District 4, Chapter 38 which is the Grand Canyon Chapter of ABATE that is located in Tioga County, Pa. ABATE stands for the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Towards Education. This organization is asking for other motorcycle organizations to partner with them in their program. ABATE was started in 1977 with a purpose dedicated to the protection of the individual rights of the motorcyclist through political change, public education, and charitable work. A breakdown of their membership fees was also given. It was decided that the literature is available to all for consideration. A discussion was held pertaining to the use of alcohol while participating on our benefit rides. Everyone was committed to having "alcohol-free" rides. A discussion on having the "Wall That Heals" come to Troy was held. It is the only one sanctioned by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. We will need to reach out to other groups to gauge participation to help us if Troy is selected to host this wall as an application needs to be submitted to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial committee. There is a two year lead time from application to selection. We have a Halloween parade on October 31st. The Dudas will be costume judges and the American Legion members will cover the other judging events.

Bill will make a hitch to carry Mike's flags on his bike. Candy will be thrown from our bikes.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence.

GOOD OF THE CHAPTER: Kudos to Bill and Nancy for all that they've done in regards to sale of the gnomes, sale of the meat tickets, etc. It was decided that Jody will continue to make telephone calls reminding everyone of our meetings.

Closing ceremonies were performed and the meeting was adjourned at 1906 hours.

Submitted by Steven Chappell