

AMVETS POST 25 MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2009

PROCEEDINGS:

- Call to order at: 19:06
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll call of officers:
 - *Present:* Commander (Sam Pierce), 2nd Vice (Tom Doughman), Finance Officer (Rob Svendson), Provost Marshall (Ernie Bussard), Judge Advocate (Al Pristeria), Service Officer (Grant Wells), 1-Year Trustee (John Massie), 2-Year Trustee (Dave Williams), 3-Year Trustee (Bob Kapp)
 - *Absent:* 1st Vice (Dick Robbins), Adjutant (Mike Smith), Chaplain (Richard Armatrout),
- Last month's minutes not available for approval.

REPORTS:

New Membership Report:

- Approved:
 - *Two new annual members:* Michael Owens, Patrick Ford
 - *One new life member:* Alfred Bustamante
- Approval Pending:
 - Michael Calhoun (sponsor Kathy Calhoun); pending verification of sponsor's membership in Post 25
- Motion to accept new memberships seconded and motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Request for donation from Ohio Council of Fraternal Veterans (Denied)
- Request for donation from Children's Medical Center (Denied – Give annually; last give in December 2008)
- Request for donation from Special Olympics (Denied – give annually; last give in July 2008)
- Thank you letter from Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Financial Officer Report: (Copy available in Post Office)

- Motion to accept financial report second and motion carried.

2nd Vice Commander:

- Post receives the Quality Post Award for 2008 from AMVETS National Headquarters for “delivering a quality program that has positively influenced the lives of our veterans and the “quality of life” issues for all citizens of this great nation.” Received by posts that complete all programs required. First award the Post has received.

Judge Advocate:

- Disciplinary hearing to be held April 27 for Dick Robbins. Closed session; executive board only.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Building addition and renovations:
 - Addition plans revised with architects to meet Post expectations.
 - Bob Kapp has been asked to get bids for the plumbing, electric and HVAC.
 - Consideration given to get new sign for front of post.
 - Discussion on new solid front door at end of ramp to prevent cold air.
 - Discussion on new security cameras.
 - Training credit for Career Center can be received by volunteers helping with the project.
 - Exploring the possibility of renovating the basement to make it legal for storage.
- New Canteen Register:
 - Canteen workers need to slow down so mistakes are not made.
 - Canteen workers will receive additional training in the Career Center and consideration given to bring in the register company to provide training as well.
 - Receive additional drawer to separate bar and ticket funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Building addition and renovation:
 - Discussion on cost of hiring a General Contract being from \$5,000 to \$15,000 and obligated to use subcontractors he/she hires. For approximately \$800 (license and insurance) a post officer could act as the general contractor and the post could subcontract the work as needed. Motion made, seconded and carried to make Sam Pierce the General Contractor for the building project as a cost savings measure.
 - Discussion on how to pay for the addition. Can cash in CDs and a small loan taken out for the remainder, cash one CD and loan for remainder, or take out a loan for the entire amount. A decision will made once we have a final figure for the cost of the project.
- Americanism
 - Fulton School does not have an American Flags in each classroom instead they have a paper copy of the flag. Told was to the lack of funds. Discussion on the need to have the flags in schools and what the lack of such says about the city’s school system. Motion made, seconded and carried to buy 16 flags and poles for each classroom in the school and have them presented to the school before Memorial Day.

- Plaques in the Post:
 - Discussion on why plaques are not kept up to date. 1st Vice is responsible for membership and deceased members. Due to the lack of a public relations officer other plaques have not been maintained. Suggestion made to designate specific wall space for post, auxiliary, and sons to post once to renovation and addition completed.
- Veterans Memorial Park Committee:
 - Report from Bob Kapp (Post representative). Planning is underway to renovate the Veterans Memorial Park and fund-raising will be done in the future and the Post may be asked to donate.
- Nomination of New Officers (Nominates will reopen before elections to be held at next meeting):
 - Commander: Sam Pierce
 - 1st Vice: Dick Robbins
 - 2nd Vice: Charles Doughman
 - 3rd Vice: Al Lower
 - Judge Advocate: Al Pristeria
 - Finance Officer: Rob Swenson
 - 3-Year Trustee: John Massie
 - Provost Marshall: Ernie Bussard
- Meetings:
 - State Convention:
 - June 19, 20, 21
 - Need to know who is going ASAP.
 - Next District meeting:
 - May 17 in Xenia

ADJOURN:

- Invocation given
- Colors retired
- Meeting adjourned at 8:32.