

American Legion Post 315

Post Membership Meeting

10 Aug 21

Opening

- One rap of gavel to signify opening of the meeting:
 - Doors closed by Sgt at Arms
- Three raps of gavel:
 - Please rise, face the flag and salute. Two!
- Pleases remove your covers and place them over your heart for:
 - Prayer,
 - POW/MIA Chair
 - Pledge of Allegiance
- Chaplin will lead us in prayer.,

Opening

- POW/MIA Chair
 - A POW/MIA chair is placed at all official meetings of the American Legion as a physical symbol of the thousands of American POWs/MIAs still unaccounted from all wars and conflicts involving the United States of America. This is a reminder to all of us to spare no effort to secure the release of any American prisoners from captivity, the reparation of the remains of those who died bravely in defense of liberty and a full accounting of those missing.

Opening

- Please join me in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Please replace covers.
- Please join me in reciting the Legion Preamble.

Legion Preamble

- For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:
- To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;
- To maintain law and order;
- To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;
- To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;
- To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;
- To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;
- To make right the master of might;
- To promote peace and good will on earth;
- To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;
- To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness

Opening

- Please take seats.
- One rap of Gavel
 - I now declare this meeting of Wilber-Bartlett Post 315, regularly convened.
- Is a quorum present?
- Any new members present
 - Stand give military background and reason you joined.
- Any Guests today?

Order of Business

- Reading of minutes of the last meeting.
- Calendar
- Finance Report
- Bar Report
- Post Service Officer report
- Building and grounds report
- Sick Call
- Old business
- New business
- Closing

Minutes from last meeting

Calendar

August 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	2	3 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday 1900 Post Committee Mtg	4 1230-1600hrs Bridge 1900hrs Legion board Mtg	5 1100-UTG Reubens 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	6	7
8 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	9	10 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday 1900hrs Legion Member Mtg 1900hrs Aux Member Mtg 1900hrs SAL Member Mtg	11 1230-1600hrs Bridge	12 1100-UTG Hot Beef 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	13 Steak Dinner	14
15 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	16	17 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	18 1230-1600hrs Bridge	19 1100-UTG Burgers 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	20	21
22 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	23	24 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	25 1230-1600hrs Bridge	26 1100-UTG Egg Salad 1130-1500hrs Mahjong 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1800-2200hrs Karaoke	27 Dinner	28
29 1300-1500hrs-Euchre 1500hrs Queen Heart s Draw	30	31 1100-UTG Taco Tuesday	1	2	3	4

Jun 21 Finance

Financial	
Grand total cash on hand as of 06/30/2021	\$ 137,673.14
Pull Tab cash on hand (In house)	\$ 1,500.00
Keno Lottery cash on hand (In house)	\$ 1,500.00
Petty Cash (In house)	\$ 1,700.00
Kerr Investment Account (+ / -)	\$ 29,000.00
Building Fund	\$ 59,613.74
Queen of Hearts	\$ 8,102.14
Scholarship Account	\$ 3,757.30
Total Earmarks	\$ 105,173.18
Free Cash	\$ 32,499.96

Jul 21 Finance

Financials

Grand total cash on hand as of 06/30/2021	\$	147,418.20
Pull Tab cash on hand (In house)	\$	1,500.00
Keno Lottery cash on hand (In house)	\$	1,500.00
Petty Cash (In house)	\$	1,950.00
Kerr Investment Account (+ / -)		\$29,000.00
Building Fund	\$	59,613.74
Queen of Hearts	\$	10,000.00
Scholarship Account	\$	3,757.30
Total earmarks	\$	107,321.04
Free Cash	\$	40,097.16

Bar business

- Price increase has had no effect.
- Possible Covid restrictions.
- Labor for the Bar
 - Hired Cook
 - Hired bartender
 - Planet ,may be out for medical
 - Employees are jumping on the \$15 an hour train.

Service Officer Report

Building and Grounds Report

- Parking Lot
 - Estimated time to conclusion
- Priorities
 - AC fans
 - Electrical
 - Roof
 - Back half of Driveway.
 - Chairs in banquet room.

Sick Call

- ?

Old Business

- Weapons in the Post
 - Awaiting vote by Legion Membership
- Web Site
 - Launched 4 Aug
 - Still need input from Units
 - Calendar input still needed.

Old Business

- \$300 donation has been given to fire Pups Program.
- Kenny Lausch and kitchen equipment
 - Has to go back but not much there.
- Accelerator has gone away.
- My name has been added to the Legion account.

New Business

- Stereo in bar needs fixed.
- Fund Raising must be coordinated
- Dinner co-fund raiser
 - Sold approx. 90 meals
 - Volunteers were good but had a couple no shows.
- Scholarships
 - Talked to Greg Kerr
 - 1997 \$300, Funded by Greg for 97-00
 - 2001 SAL determined they did not want to fund
 - 2013 Lewis family donated \$38,000 to fund scholarship, Post took \$8000 with Greg's approval.
 - We discussed renaming it the American Legion Kerr-Lewis Scholarship
 - Asked him to think about putting that money in the building fund. He is thinking.
 - We have to review criteria.
 - Would like to give out 4 \$1000 scholarships every year.
 - Use Friday meals as funding site.

New Business

- Back driveway
 - Homeowners complaining about runoff.
 - Gary Kay has checked with Village and they will repair.
- Building Cleanup
- 4 Insurance Policies – Premiums \$6519 Annual.
 - General Building , contents, liability – Premium \$4031
 - Commercial Property - \$1,477,000 on building – Premium \$2639
 - General Liability – \$1,000,000 - Premium \$1392
 - Business income - \$80,000 – Premium \$84 (part of \$1392).
 - Liquor liability – \$1,000,000 - Premium \$1498
 - Worker’s Comp - \$500,000 – Premium \$779
 - Auto Coverage - \$1,000,000 – Premium \$211
 - All cost to bar.

New Business

- All Projects must have a Fund Site.
- Current Projects and Fund Sites
 - American Legion Kerr-Lewis Scholarship and back kitchen improvements
 - Requirement - \$4000 (Four \$1000 scholarships)
 - Requirement - \$2000 a year kitchen improvements.
 - Fund Site – Friday Dinners estimated raising \$8000 a year
 - Building
 - Requirement - \$75,000
 - Fund Site – Queen of Hearts estimated raising \$30,00 a year.
 - Additional Funding needed

New Business By-laws

Board approved to take to the membership.

- We are currently operating under 2011 By-laws:
 - These By-laws are not registered with Michigan Legion:
 - They have no record of ever receiving By-laws from Post 315.
 - This does not make our By-laws invalid as we are an Independent Incorporated Post.
 - Still trying to figure out this incorporation.
- We have three versions available:
 - 2011 (17 pg.'s).
 - 2019 (14 pg.'s) version from Jim G's Team (Darwin H, Bill M, and Frank Hone).
 - 2021 (15 pg.'s) version from Mark Y Team (Darwin H, Bill M, Mark O).
- Various reasons for the page differences.

Comparison

- Major changes between 2011, 2019 and 2021
 - Elimination of repeated language.
 - Elimination of outdated requirements such as newsletters.
 - Change Board of Directors to Executive Committee to align with the Department
 - **VOTE!**
 - Switching past Commander Committee seat to an elected seat.
 - **VOTE!**
 - Directors on the Executive Committee have their terms changed from 5 years to 3 years.
 - **VOTE!**
 - Change the Directors election dates to the same as the Post Officers.
 - Change date of election transition from Jun General meeting to 1 Jun.
 - **VOTE!**

Comparison

- Major changes between 2011, 2019 and 2021
 - Change from two days of early voting to one day with an extra hour added.
 - VOTE!
 - Change any appointments for vacant Officer or Committee positions from Commander appointment/Board approval to Commander appointment/Membership approval.
 - VOTE!
 - Revised all duties of officers.
 - Change requests for Special Meetings from 7 members to 5 members.
 - VOTE!
 - Commander is voting member of Executive Committee.
 - VOTE!

New Business

- Any more new business?

Closing

- Please stand and remove your covers.
- Chaplin will lead us in prayer.
- Replace covers.
- Face the flag and hand salute – two.
- I now declare this meeting of the Wilber-Bartlett Post 315, the American Legion, Department of Michigan adjourned.