

POST 149 MEETING MINUTES – MAY 14, 2024

Called to Order: Commander Bob Roska called at 1900 hours. Members Present: 14

Minutes: April meeting minutes distributed to all with email, and distributed at meeting to others. Changes: None; Motion to accept: Frank Sterzen Second: Gary Thelen, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

Financials: Spreadsheet for April financials Brat Fry were previously distributed via email prior to tonight's meeting and routed to other members at meeting. Motion to accept by Larry Ter Maat, and second by Frank Sterzen, opposed none. Motion approved by all.

New Members or Guests: None

Presentation: Veterans Quilt was presented to Dan Riviers by Chuck & Bob Roska for all the hard work he has done for the post (e.g. Membership Chairman, Bar Chairman and River Park Flag Pole as a member of the Sheboygan Falls Park Commission.

Membership: Chairman Dan Riviers: Currently 80 active members of which 6 are paid up for life, last member renewed this week, and 3 members have been dropped from the roll. A couple of members renewed for 3 years at the cost of \$35/year. Other members will be getting their renewal soon for the new fiscal year and be paying \$40 each. Dan has a computation of the cost, if anyone wants to get life membership. Renew on-line at: [Renew \(mylegion.org\)](http://mylegion.org)

Home Bound: The following members would appreciate buddy check phone calls keeping them up-to-date on what is happening with the post. Dick Wachter (920-449-1975); Jerry Herriges (920-467-4856); Carl Zettel (920-627-5475), Home Bound Cards/Calls: Jim Coulter & Ken Wilhite.

Scholarship: Team selected: Hailey Lawry (Tech School, \$1,000), Ryan Ballantine (College \$1,500), Joseph Payne (College \$1,500). School presented certificates. Payment will go to colleges in July-August.

House/Apartment: Floor has been completely installed in apartment and final payment to be made as soon as we receive bill (\$4K). Stairwell wall that supports outside apartment stairs has a bulge in wall and leaks from outside driveway. Will need gutters placed (\$700) (motion by Frank second by Dan Riviers, approved by all) on this section to divert water that bowed the wall and construction estimate will cost \$9,000 (motion by Larry Ter Maat, second by Karl Zore, approved by all) . Both to be completed in the next several weeks. Ken Luebenstein and a couple of union guys will move the AC unit into the storage shed prior to the construction. Stairwell is too dangerous to use and new renter is using front entrance effective June 1st until the support(s) are fixed. New renter, Carey Paape, and her son, Max have moved in.

Web site has up-to-date files and calendar (for events and hall rental). Check the on-line calendar prior to attempting to schedule.

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Camp American Legion: Jim Sabel, Charlie Dunn, Kevin Regan and Wayne Richter were at camp opening cabin 15 during the post meeting. Jim reported that there were not very many things that needed attention, Kevin removed pine needles from roof, Charlie created a stand for people to sign in, sided/painted the sign facing the lake, removed some piping from in front, replaced smoke alarm and completed cabin checklist. Jim said the camp director would put us in for a grant for new roof as a local roofing company does one cabin per year for free.

Honor Guard: Have had 12 funerals where they participated in honors so far in 2024.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Park Flag Pole:** Presentation occurred on May 8th attended by honor guard, Park Board, Mayor and other members of the post. Article in Sheboygan Falls News.
2. **Brat Fry – April 28th.** Was successful (Net over \$8,500) in spite of a handful of no-shows, vets not showing up on time, or showing up at wrong station.
3. **Flag Placing at Cemeteries (May 18th 0900)** Larry, Dan Kanitz, Kevin Regan and Charlie Dunn met at Falls Cemetery at 0900 to guide Boy Scouts with flag placing.
4. **Memorial Day (May 27th)** Gary Thelen coordinated the ceremony (no parade) and speaker at Berkshire Sr. Apartments (101 School St.) starting at: 1000, Larry Ter Maat was the master of ceremonies Honor Guard, Chaplain, Mayor and speaker presenting. Speaker (Julie Vale) asked for Post to present flags and fold flags for two military speakers on Flag Day at her meeting on June 14th, we agreed to do it.

Consolidated Post Report: Hand in completed forms (prefer email), or drop them at the June 11th meeting. I need to have them totaled and sent to state by mid-June.

New Business:

1. **Election of Post Officers:** Motion made Ron Goelz, second by Frank Sterzen, approved by all for unanimous ballot by Post Adjutant. New listings were distributed to all post members and County Commander (who forwarded it to the state).
2. **Veterans Memorial Booth at County Fair – Thursday Aug 29-Monday Sept 2nd** with track chair. Sign-up to help: anoahl@excel.net.
3. **Veterans Café at Pine Haven (Giddings Ave) June 19th at 10:00 AM.** Please show up if you have time as this a meet/greet (coffee/donuts) with Veterans living there.

Correspondence/Communication:

Thank you letter from Kathy Schmitz – Bob Roska read it.

Adjourned: Motion by Ray Schmitz second Karl Zore to close meeting at 2015 hours approved by acclamation.

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Next Meetings: JUNE 11TH, JULY 9TH, AUG 13TH – STEAK FRY (NO MEETING)