

American Legion Post 250 General Membership Meeting

Date: 18 April 2024

Meeting called to order at 1900 hrs.

Chaplin gave opening prayer

POW/MIA flag was recognized

Sgt at Arms led meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

The Preamble to the Constitution was recited in unison.

Quorum: yes.

Donnie James made a motion to bypass the reading of the last E-board and general membership meeting as they are posted on the website. Motion was seconded by Mike Sidle. Motion was voted and passed.

Guest:

Leanida Bernierner, Brad Roberson, Ann Marie Swencen and James T. Oswald from Hopes Project.

James T. Oswald was called to the front and gave a dissertation about his organization. He explained what their goals were and how they operated. He also said that he had some articles for sale to raise money for the organization.

The Commander recognized the Past Commanders in attendance.: Donnie James, Dick Rowe and John Ruark.

A motion was made by Wayne Elliott and seconded by John Ruark that the Officer Reports be suspended except for the Finance Report

and the Chaplin's Report due to having to do the second round of nominations for Post Officer positions for the years 2024 – 2025. Motion was voted on and passed.

Finance Report: Beginning Balance \$96,833.00 Ending Balance \$90,267.00. Motion was made to accept the finance report subject to audit by Doc Tarrant and seconded by Linda Story. Motion was voted on and passed.

Chaplin's Report: Chaplin asked for one minute of silence for Arin Rosenau, a member of Post 283 and the brother of John Rosenau an Officer of Post 250. He had a stroke and is in the hospital. One member John Hoskins went to Post Everlastings on April 4, 2024.

New Business: John Rosenau made a motion to buy two plaques for the two businesses that donated one thousand dollars apiece for the children's carnival not to exceed \$35.00 apiece. Motion was seconded by John Ruark. Motion was voted on and passed. Jeffery Picard made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Hopes Foundation. Motion was seconded by Billy Niemiec. Voted on and passed.

Second round of nominations as follows:

Commander:

John Rosenau

Donnie James.

First Vice:

Cindy Anderson Incumbent

Bill Niemiec

Second Vice:

Julie Padget

Finance Officer:

Sandy Greenway

Russ Kimmey Incumbent

Chaplin:

Ken Greenway

Linda Story

Historian:

Open

Sgt at Arms:

Dave Fogle

Assistant Sgt at Arm:

George Torrence

Mike Sidle

Executive Board Members:

Doreen Arndt

Jeffery Pickard

Voting will be held here on May 4th from 1000 to 1500. Absentee ballots will be available on April 19, 2024, at the post. You must request a ballot. Absentee ballots must be turned in by May 3, 2024, to be counted.

Donnie James made a motion that the post adjutant cast one vote for all the unopposed nominations be accepted as voted in. Motions was seconded by Wayne Elliott. Motion was voted on and passed.

Adjutant Rowe cast one vote for the following unopposed candidates to be accepted as elected.

Second Vice: Julie Padget

Sgt at Arms: Dave Fogle

Executive Board Members: Doreen Arndt and Jeffrey Pickard

Motion was voted on and passed.

Nominations were closed.

Old business: none

Good of the order:

Boy Sout Troupe will be going on an overnight campout on May 18th and 19th.

School Medals: we now have 19 schools signed up to participate in the school Medal program. Need volunteers to go to school to present the medals.

Auxiliary is selling tickets to raffle of a basket full of goodies.

The is a Crack Card game to be held on Sunday April 21, 2024. Need about 6 more people. If not get them then will be held on another Sun. Profits will go to the canteen.

April 20th is the annual Bears and Botch Ride.

April 27 is the Comedy Night

Sun the April 21st will be our monthly roadside cleanup at 1400hrs
Volunteers needed.

National has raised their due by \$5.00. We are raising our dues for 2025 to \$55.00. The department now wants to raise theirs by \$3.00. There is a lot of discontent in the department. Hopefully that won't pass at convention.

Chaplin gave closing prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 1940hrs

/s/ Ken White

Commander

/s/ Dick Rowe

Adjutant

