



American Legion Post 133

Minutes of June 20, 2023 Meeting

Commander Joe Haney opened the meeting with the proper ceremony. All officers were present or accounted for.

A motion was made to suspend the meeting for the introduction of guests.

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Department Vice Commander for the 1st District Joe Haney

Asst Department Treasurer Roger Anderson

Introduction of Guests: Clare and Frank from post 59 in Windsor, Ross Williamson manager of Giessler's and Darleen Zelo from the Playhouse on Park and their presentation of Bandstand coming up and how they would like to do something to support Veterans'.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes of the May meeting.

Finance Report: Finance report on file.

Deceased members: Steve Wisneski, Ed Havens, Tom Brown, Sandy Warshavsky and Skip Hammond

Sick Call: Mario Zapata, Dave Papp, Raquel Santiago was present tonight, Peter Nevers, Julio Henriqus and Sal Terranova.

Prospective new members: Dennis Bermudez transfer from post 150, David Carterisano, and Mike Zupie

Membership: We have 240 members who have renewed, transferred or joined the Post for the 2022 year our 2022 goal is 195, Art has set our goal at 250.

The 2023 membership year has started, our goal is 195, we have 215 members that have renewed for the 2023 year, and we have set a goal of 275.

Ken has New Members Kits for our new members.

Service Officers Report. - - Service Officers Report. Since the April meeting, we have 3 new clients for SS&M Fund, Bruce did Service Officers at the Community Center on June 1st he spoke with 2 veterans or dependents looking for help.

Officer Reports.

Commander Joe Haney – I want to thank everyone that participated in our events this past couple of months, the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony, the Flag retirement ceremony and the Strawberry Fest.

Jr Vice Commander Carter Sutherland – I have set the date with Park & Rec for the Post family picnic at VMP for September 24th. , also we have the date for the Post social January 20, 2024 at the Nutmeg.

Chaplain Lehman Mann – I have cards to the families of all our deceased members and also get well cards to our many members on the list.

Committee Reports: -

Visits With Veterans. Phil Medeiros, Skip Fisher and Sid Rabin

We visited 5 facilities since the May meeting.

Veterans 32 Residents 9 by 29 Post member hours. The Sewin4Servicemen group and the Legion distributed Lap Quilts at Evergreen Crossing and Brookdale, and the Post Honor Guard performed a flag raising ceremony at the Village at Buckland Court

- Legion Baseball. Jim Anastasio. SWLBB received a donation from Jennifer Glann for \$420. The season has started and Craig has a coach who wants to start up Legion Soft ball in South Windsor and CT.

- Boy Scouts. Randy Olson. We have an Eagle award coming up this Friday at 6:30pm Troop 880 at Wapping Church.

- Girl Scouts. Tom Field. Looks like they will have 2 Gold Awards in the spring

- State Police Youth Week. Tom Field: All members that participate will need to do background check. July 9-14 cost \$125. Department has 23 registered for SPYW

- Wreaths Across America. Art Sladyk. We had 1600 wreaths this year, new charge for 2023 \$17 per wreath. We have fund raisers set up at Giessler's for October 7th and Stop & Shop for October 14th.

~~- Blue Star Families. Contact Art with any one we should honor.~~

- Graduation cords. Art, The High School took care of the cords for 2022. The High School will take care of this for 2023, 3 students going in to the Military received cord this year.

- Post Home Committee- Art Sladyk. The Town met with us to inspect the Clapp property on the corner of Sullivan Ave and Route 5, the building is in very good shape. We met with the 59 Sullivan Ave 501C3 committee on Wednesday September 14th Art had a meeting with the 501c3 on June 14th to discuss moving forward.

- Oratorical. Roger Anderson, We held the Post 2023 on January 30th at the Community Center, with only one student Dhanya Chasmawala moved on to the 1st District contest on February 4th at the Community center, we had two student, Dhanya from Post 133 and Amanda Thompson from post 72, Dhanya won the First District Contest, the State contest was held on March 4th, Dhanya placed 3rd.

- Boys State and Girls State. Pete Bortolan /Roger Anderson, Boys State will be held at the University of New Haven campus this year, June 23 – 29, cost will stay at \$350 per student. All members that participate will need to do background check. Girls State will be at the University of New Haven at the same time as Boys State.

Pete, Roger and Tom went to the High School to talk to students about Boys and Girls State and SPYW. We have 6 boys for Boys State, Pete and Roger had an orientation for them on Tuesday June 6th at the Community Center. Department has over 100 registered now.

- Color and Honor Guard. Captain of the Guard Lehman Mann. The Honor Guard has been requested to do the Military Honors at Skip Hammond's service on Wednesday June 21st.

- Car Show. Leigh Lovering. Next year's date for the car show will be September 10, 2023 with a rain date of September 17, 2023. We need help the day of the show with the raffle tables. We have 5 Corporate Sponsors and expect to receive 4 more with-in the next few weeks. All printing is done, working on raffle items now.

-Constitution and By Laws committee, chair is Roger Anderson (Judge Advocate), exofficio members Joe Haney (Commander) and Ken Lewis (Adjutant), voting members Gene Botteron, Carter Sutherland, Tom Filed, Bruce Botti, Skip Fisher, and Phil Medeiros. Going forward the committee will meet on the first Monday at 3:00pm ever month. We have completed the Constitution and are now working on the Bylaws; we only have 6 more articles to set up.

-Buddy Check committee, Gene Botteron is the chair; we have 7 volunteers that will be calling our Post members. We have completed the first set of calls and will start on the second set of calls this summer

Balloting on applications – none

- Un Finished Business. None

A short recess was called for raffle sales

Initiation of candidates; None.

- New Business.

1. Elect 6 delegates to the 2023 Department convention:

Ken Lewis

Roger Anderson

Art Sladyk

Raquel Santiago

Lehman Mann

Olaf Tonnesson

A motion was made by Carter Sutherland to certify the delegates second by Olf Tonnesson, the motion passed.

2. A motion was made by Art second by Carter to sponsor a tee sign at the SW Knights of Columbus Golf Tourment,

The motion passed.

- Correspondence

- The Department Bulletin is on our Web Site and has been e-mailed to the membership.

- Received the call to Convention from Department July 13-15 2023

- Received a thank you note form the family of Ed Havens for our participation at the wake and a \$100 donation to the Post.

-Good of the Legion.

1. Check out the post's website. www.swlegion133.org. All of the forms and calendar of events are on the web site, the membership forms are now fill able.
2. LIT Accident Insurance register on line one time, if you keep your membership current the coverage continues, \$1000 for accidental death coverage, if you are on Legion business, it is \$5000.
3. All members remember the Post's project every year is the South Windsor Food and Fuel bank, if you can please bring a nonperishable food item to all meeting.
4. Lap Quilt distributions started on May 10th at Evergreen Crossing.
5. Herb said a little about 2 of our members who passed, Steve Wisneski and Ed Havens
6. Art said we will put together a 4 some for th Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament.
7. Lehman said many people used the template for the pictures with the bricks at VMP on Memorial Day

Distinguished Quests:

Our next meeting will be on July 18th at the Community Center.

The next District meeting is Wednesday September 27, 2023, Post 133 South Windsor, food at 6:30pm meeting to follow.

The Meeting was adjourned with the proper ceremony by Commander Joe Haney

Report Submitted: Ken Lewis Adjutant