**MINUTES OF**

**Slate Ridge Post 182, THE AMERICAN LEGION**

**DEPT OF MD**

**COMPILED BY** \_Jerry Barbour\_\_\_\_\_  **DATE** 08-15-2023

 ADJUTANT-

 **ATTENDANCE TIME**

**APPROVED BY \_\_**Mike McFadden**\_/s/RMM OFFICERS 8 CONVENED** 1830

 COMMANDER

 **MEMBERS 8 ADJOURNED 2015**

Form 74552 **TOTAL \_ 16\_**

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The regular monthly meeting for Slate Ridge Post 182, The American Legion, was called to order by Commander Mike McFadden at 1830 hrs. on 08-15-2023.

**Roll call** was taken with 8 Post Officers and 8 members present.

 Commander: McFadden

 Adjutant: Barbour

 1st Vice Commander: Rob Kranz

 2nd Vice Commander: Engel

 Financial Officer: Bobby Smith

 Historian: Mallonee-excused

 Sgt. At Arms: Ron Roberts

 Chaplain: Knaub

 Service Officer: Mark Arnold

John Engel challenged the above roll, saying office of 1st Vice Commander was filled incorrectly. A discussion was had and it was determined that the position had been filled properly according to proper procedure.

Quorum declared for meeting.

Minutes approved as printed.

**These minutes are amended to include a statement from Robert Lane saying that he is a member & officer of VFW Post 8672 and he says allegations of a Post Member assaulting a Past Commander are false. Otherwise, minutes are approved as printed.**

**Membership:** Currently at 53.254% for 2024 year. Transfer of Frank Buchanan approved. Transfer of Joshua Baldwin on hold for documentation. Taras Gamma and Christine Lane stated they have not received cards. Adjutant Barbour will check into this. Gift cards will be sent out shortly for new members.

**Installation of officers of post and Legion Riders:** Kraig Dean, Dept. Treasurer was present to install officers.

**Finance report:** In-$56,406.50. Out-$53,491.65. Total gain-$2,914.85.

**Newsletter:** Due today.

**SAL Crab feast:** 16 Sept. 2023. $60/ticket.

**Oyster feed:** 18 Nov. 2023. $60/ticket.

**Patriot Program:** Nothing till next year.

**Flag Disposal:** 04 Nov 2023 and 08 June 2024.

**Grave decoration:** Week of 19 May 2024.

**SAL:** $18,849.85 in account. Breakfast made a profit of $1,072.15. Participating in Stuff a Bus program for school supplies for Harford Co. students. Made a $550 donation to this program. Friendship Lodge #663 is sponsoring a golf tournament Sept. 09 at Pleasant Valley Golf Course.

**Riders:** Doug Stokes won pellet grill. Preparing for Ride For Blue on Sept. 23, 2023. Rain date of Sept. 30. 9/11 ride Sept. 09. Gettysburg Battlefield this Sat. Donated $1000 from money that we had given the post and was refunded for new sign to COTA for Emily.

**Sick Call:** Joseph E. Williams, Donny Williams, Bob Lloyd, Blair Malonee.

**Service Officer:**  Making new connections with VFW and Legion. Found a lift chair that is being loaned to a Marine who is going into surgery, to be followed by giving it to an Army veteran.

**Correspondence:**

**-**Thank you received from Kate Tarbert, scholarship recipient.

-Thank you from Deb and Dave Heiner for donations made to COTA For Emily.

-Thank you from Gloria Crothers for allowing the post to be a stop for Heede Memorial Ride.

-Thank you from COTA for donation to Emily.

-Stuff A Bus, motion to donate $500 passed.

-American Cancer Society motion to donate $200 passed.

-Salvation Army motion to donate $250 passed.

-Special Olympics, Epilepsy Foundation and Childrens Miracle Network motion to donate $100 to each passed.

-John Engel had a message from Todd Collini thanking those who reached out to him.

-A lengthy discussion was had concerning complaints from bartenders that say they have been harassed. In what they believe is an attempt to get them to quit. In the end, there was really nothing accomplished on this matter. Other than a verbal warning that harassment of our bartenders will not be tolerated.

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-Messages in canteen suggestion box.

 \*Canteen should not be closed on holidays. Decision was made by veterans. People who signed suggestion are not.

 \*Bar stools in canteen need to be replaced. Update tables. SAL may help with buying new stools. We will be looking at options for new stools/tables.

 \*High top tables instead of benches in back. Decision was made previously that we are keeping benches due to historical significance.

 \*Security light on NW corner of building is out. Has been out for years.

 \*Paint walls in canteen. Discussed previously.

-Christine Lane asked about the no dogs sign being removed and replaced with service animals allowed. Commander McFadden will look into new sign.

-John Engel discussed about a politically inclined post that Adjutant Barbour had supposedly made on the Legion Facebook page. The post was evidently accidentally made and will be removed by Adjutant Barbour.

-Deb Lewis had contacted Commander McFadden that she was being investigated by John Engel. That she was going to be quitting her job here at the post. She has been stressed more than any other job that she has ever had. John says he has since talked to her and everything has been taken care of. It was stated that any complaints should be brought to the Commander. If an investigation is needed, the commander will implement it.

 Respectfully submitted by,

 Jerry A. Barbour, Adjutant