

Membership Meeting Minutes for Oct. 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Marla Berkshire at 11:00 pm.

Sgt. of Arms Gary Carlile led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplin Dennis Chapman led the opening prayer.

Roll of officers resulted in all 17 present.

Sandi reported on the membership applications for the month. There were 21 Annual memberships and 32 Lifetime memberships for a total of \$5150.00 for the month. Chuck Shane made motion to accept and Roy Rees 2nd and passed.

Minutes from previous meeting were then read with one correction that the heater installed was put in the Beer Barn not the General Store. Motion to accept minutes was then made by Donna Davis and 2nd by Joey Cavazos and passed.

Becky then reported on the Financial Report. She then asked permission to start paying the interest free loan for the buildings back in the starting amount of \$13,000.00. Chuck Shane made motion and Don McNurlin 2nd and was passed. The financial report was then accepted with motion from Don McNurlin and 2nd by Roy Rees. The motion was passed.

Jerry Adams reported that they are getting ready for the dog show which is Oct. 26.

Ron O'Brian said the east end showers have ben winterized. They will do the other showers after the dog show.

Chappy reported on the parade at VA hospital is on Nov. 1. Said Jackson St. Commons still is fighting bed bugs so not doing anything there right now. He would like to expand the veterans memorial. Said we are running out of room. They will work to figure out how to do this. He said they have a new sign to put up at the Associates Memorial. Chappy also reported that Ralph Coulter's celebration of life will be this day from 2-4PM.

Terry mentioned that the last membership meeting was packed. He said everyone was working together very well for the good of the property and thanked everyone.

Mike Derry said he wanted to thank Cowboy for helping him handle the camping this year. He reported 70 sites not rented. Said there were 98 sites that members did not show up to use. He wants to move port a pots and trash dumpster to alleviate congestion. Will figure it out before next reunion.

Larry Shaw reported:

Oct. 10-13 is IDVA Woman's Wellness Retreat in Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN

Oct 13 US Navy was established.

Oct 14 Columbus Day is observed.

Oct. 23 Grenada Campaign began in 1903.

Oct VHA Ind. Breast Cancer Resource Fair is in Room 1202 at Roudabush VA, Indianapolis.

Oct. 27 is Navy Day.

Oct. 31 is Halloween

Nov. 1 Parade at Marion VA

Nov 1 Allen Co Stand Down from 10-6 @ Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, IN

Nov 5 Vote

Nov 7 Howard Co. Stand Down 11-3 @ 685 UAW Hall.

Karla Cavazos said someone asked if speakers could be put down by the memorial garden so people could hear when they are laying the bricks. Jim Mickler said absolutely and will work on that.

Joey Cavazos reported the rope on the right side of the flag pole was starting to fray and needs repair.

Marla's Report:

She said we definitely need to make some changes for the parking around the General Store and Beer Barn so there are no more accidents. Said there should NEVER be an ATV on the grass area.

She said Travis was trying to get donation for plexi glass for front boards. A hat was passed and collected and \$322.00 was collected for that. Then he was informed that the donation wasn't going to happen. Marla said that tomatoes were thrown at the boards and asked that these boards NOT BE DISRESPECTED.

Discussion was brought up about opening up the East end gate next year. This will be looked into.

Donations for hurricane victims are being collected at VFW in Kokomo.

Marla reported that the thank you party started at 4:00 pm that afternoon and was catered by Rossi's and Karla and Joey donated the beautiful cake for the event.

Charlie asked about the people hurt in the ATV accident. Marla said the that the young lady that had a hurt hip said that she will still be coming and become a lifetime member. She said Margie has a hairline fracture in her ankle John had to have knee replacement. There are cards on the pool table to send to those hurt in the accident. Insurance is handling everything.

Jackie will be working on getting speed limit signs for grounds for next year.

Norm Crawford reported that Wilsons Market partnered with Patriot Guard and collected enough items to fill a semi trailer for the hurricane victims.

Donations will continue for the Pave the Roads and Building funds.

Chuck made motion to adjourn and Charlie Morgan 2nd. Motion was passed and meeting adjourned at 12:02.

