

MINUTES
JEWISH WAR VETERANS POST 54
January 12, 2020

Commander Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

Members present: B. Mayor, M. Turner, S. Fixler, H. Goldstein, J. Wilkerson

Visiting members from Post 407: Melvin Mathias, Jack Levitt

Guest: Ralph Burn

Commander's Report. Thanks to John Wilkerson for filling in the past few months while Bruce had health issues. Chaplain services at Hines will be at 1 P.M. on February 2. Howard Goldstein will check on the status of a flag for Post 54.

Quartermaster Report. B. Mayor gave the report of Leslie Turner. We had expenses last month of \$272.05. We have a bank balance of \$2074.50.

Old Business.

Oak Ridge Cemetery Monument update. The proposal to replace the monument would be costly and require significant fund raising. The Department is responsible for this. We must decide what we want to do, how much it would cost, and raise the funds to pay for it. JWV owns 90 plots in the cemetery. Think of any financial contacts we might have and let Bruce Mayor know the names.

Poppy Day. Several different sites and times were discussed, including possibly Memorial Day, July 4, and Veterans Day. We need to pin down times and locations asap. We also need to know who can participate at those days/sites. Post 407 participates in a Memorial Day parade and asked for volunteers from 54 to join them.

We need to create committees at the post level to mirror those at the department level. Commander Mayor will provide information on this in the future.

New Business.

H. Goldstein notified us that the Department of Illinois, with the Combined Veterans Association, is looking to honor the Person of the Year. If you have suggestions for such a person, submit the name to Department no later than March 6.

There will be a fund raising dinner for the Illinois Holocaust Museum at the downtown Hyatt Regency on March 12. Several places are reserved for JWV and you must be a JWV member to qualify for them. Let Howard know if you are interested in attending.

Steve Fixler alerted us to several events. First, on May 9, there will be benefits workshops for vets. For more info, call (847) 814-2585. Second, on May 2, there will be an Honor Flight fund raiser. Cost will be \$30 early or \$40 at the door. For more go to dupageveteransfoundation.org

Our next meeting will be February 9 at 10:00 A.M.

Commander Mayor called the meeting adjourned at 11:18 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wilkerson

Senior Vice Commander