

MINUTES

JWV POST # 54

MEETING

March 12, 2017

Commander Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Members Present: B. Mayor, J. Wilkerson, J. Bernstein, J. Trafimow, F. Stopsky, H. Bogolub, M. Turner, S. Braverman, R. Heisler, H. Goldstein, L. Turner.

February minutes were approved as written.

Commander's Report: Howard Goldstein announced that the department has set up a strategic planning group to discuss ways to improve membership, how to establish relations with other community organizations, synagogues, etc. as a way of improving exposure and to provide additional services to veterans.

The average age of members nationwide is over 80. We donated to the Gold Star Recognition program.

There will be Memorial Day flag ceremonies at Oak Ridge on May 28 and at Shalom on May 29.

We have been invited to work at the beer tent on August 17 at the State Fair. We have been encouraged to join the national museum in Washington. JWV will be 125 years old on Memorial Day in 2021. Joel Bernstein suggested that the national should get a postage stamp created for the occasion.

Howard announced that the national convention this year will be in San Antonio from August 27-31.

He reminded us to renew our membership either online or by bringing the form to a meeting. We also need to remember our \$25 donations.

Quartermaster's Report: Leslie Turner said that the balance in the bank is \$472.89. He also reminded us of membership and donation renewals.

Senior Vice Commander Report: Bruce Mayor said the new VAC card is available to distribute as appropriate. There are new veterans' issues bills in Springfield. Talk with him if interested.

Junior Vice Commander Report: No report. Mike Warner is recovering.

Commander Goldstein led a discussion on fundraising. We want to sponsor the Portillo's party at Hines again. We need to find money. Richard Heisler proposed that we purchase poppies and wristbands – and sell them at multiple locations on May 21. This was approved by voice vote.

John Wilkerson and Jordan Trafimow led a discussion on the 12 days leading to Pearl Harbor (based on S. Twomey's book). Members engaged in a spirited discussion as to events and issues prior to December 7, 1941.

Commander Goldstein stated the next meeting will occur on Sunday, April 9, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by

John Wilkerson

Adjutant