



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

West Suburban Post 54 – Illinois
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JWV Post Meeting, Sunday, March 13, 2022, 10:00AM, via Zoom and in person at the DuPage County Building.

Commander Goldstein called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

Roll Call: CDR – Howard Goldstein, Sr. Vice – John Wilkerson – Absent, Jr. Vice – Mark Turner - Absent, Quartermaster – Leslie Turner, Adjutant – Steve Fixler, Bruce Mayor, Larry Malis, Joel Bernstein, Scott Zonis, Steve Cap, and Barry Greenberg

Minutes: Approve Feb. 13 2022 Minutes as amended. M – Mayor, S – L. Turner, M/C.

Quartermaster Report: Received \$103.50 for membership dues.

Current balance – \$2675.05

Motion to accept the Quartermaster's Report, M – Mayor, S – Goldstein, M/C, Subject to Audit

Commander's Report:

- Etz Chaim – Still doing Sunday bagels and lox, now tailgating. Do we want to support an event? After discussion, it was decided not to sponsor a Sunday morning, at this time.
- Continue to outreach at other synagogues.

Mayor gave JWV Dept CDRs Meeting:

- Asset Infrastructure Review (AIR) – VA will close 3 hospitals, Massachusetts, South Dakota, Ohio, and closing 170 CBOCs
- Steve Bone liaison from Congress Rep. Morton's office, MA, gave a briefing about Ukraine at the Post 9-11 Meeting. A JWV member talked politics during the presentation and should have been stopped.
- Wheaton College: Bruce Mayor will give them JWV Awards for four ROTC Cadets.
- JWV National 125th Anniversary Dinner, May 5, honoring Herb Rosenbleeth, Washington, D.C.
- Two guest Speakers: Howard Goldstein and Raiana Berman about VAVs
- Nelson Mellitz – National V-CDR announced his candidacy for National Commander and also has started "Our Community Salutes". It's currently in four states.
- New JWV Constitution Bylaws – 95% finished. Will be presented at the National Convention in August, 2022.
- Kim Queen: Has talked about the JWV Americanism Awardee must be Jewish.

Membership Report: National Membership Contest – Whoever brings in the most new paying members will get a free trip to this year's National Convention.

Marketing Report:

Continue to outreach and we're talking with and considering advertising agencies

Old Business:

- Fixler - National Desert Storm War Memorial Night at the Chicago Wolves game is Sunday, Apr 3. See Steve about getting tickets.
- Goldstein - Looking to advertise in the local Patch
- Fixler - The American Legion Auxiliary is hosting a Veteran Suicide Prevention Presentation, Thursday Night, April 21, 6:30pm – 8pm.
- Mayor - Oak Ridge Monument. Bruce – Sent out 70 letters to Philanthropists, in the Chicagoland area, who in the past have given to Jewish organizations. Three were returned and one sent us \$250.
- Mayor - The IL Holocaust Museum is selling bricks for their new pathway. Dept. will buy it, but we need input on what should be written on the brick. Bruce needs suggestions by April 5.

New Business:

- Goldstein – the Veterans Assistance Commission will host the Veterans Resource Fair, Aug 30 at the DuPage County Building. Post 54 will have a table there.
- Goldstein – The Jewish Festival will be on June 12, in Morton Grove. JWV will have a booth there.
- Cap – Has a program, “Bring Judaism to Elderly Jews.” Looking for elderly Jews and contacts to find elderly Jews.
- Zonis – I’m now on the VA Fisher House Board at Hines Hospital
- Zonis – We’re going to have a fund raiser motorcycle ride and golf tournament
- Zonis – Looking for old military uniforms to send to the Ukraine
- Zonis – thanks to the DuPage IDVA office for helping me get a VA 70% Rating
- Zonis – Aleph Institute – Supports Jewish Veterans
- Zonis – Maot Chitim – Food boxes for poor Jews

Next Meeting: Sunday, April 10, 2022, 10am, #421 DuPage County Building, Wheaton, Hybrid

Adjournment: M – L. Turner, S – Greenberg, M/C, 1133.

Post Adjutant

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