

Jewish War Veterans

Post #54

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2019

Command Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. The June Minutes were approved.

Attendance: Bruce Mayor, Leslie Turner, Steve Braverman, Larry Malis, Howard Goldstein, Jordan Trafimow

Commander's Report:

- Department Convention Sunday July 7th. Howard Goldstein was elected IL Department Commander of JWV, Bruce Mayor was elected Senior Vice Commander, and Leslie Turner was reelected as Quartermaster. They were installed at the Banquet Wednesday July 10th. National Commander Barry Snider was guest speaker. Howard will provide a list of elected officers.
- Status of Post 407: Post members haven't moved forward with discussions or decisions. There is a feeling that they've decided by not deciding. Since they are still a viable organization, they'll continue. We'll close this as an item until there is a new recommendation to consider.
- National Commander's Policy and Bylaws proposals: Proposals described last month were approved to include 10-year term limits.

Reports

- Quartermaster's Report – Leslie Turner: \$2,542.67 in the account. Two expenditures: \$50 donation to department for wrist bands to provide Veterans with wrist bands for free lunch at the State Fair. Annual registration fee of \$5 per member to department - \$85. Report accepted.
- Senior Vice Commander – John Wilkerson: No report
- Junior Vice Commander – Mark Turner: No report

Old Business

- Flag disposal project completed. Many flags given to Steve Fixler who was liaison to American Legion for ceremonial disposal. Will resume April 2020. Item closed.
- Cemetery Monument: Bruce and Leslie met with Mosaic Construction. Cost estimate is \$115K-125K. Remove artillery piece with minor work, new wheels,

sandblast and coat. Requires crane removal and replacement. New concrete structure with epoxy paint. Also landscaping for walkway and flags. Will contact JUF for possible funding assistance along with JWV Department. Motion approved to prepare a fund-raising proposal to send to JWV, local synagogues and JUF. Bruce Mayor will lead.

- Poppy Sales cancelled due to a lack of response from Jewel Corporate. Mariano's needed more time. Other suggestions include Pete's Market and Walmart. November 3 is a recommended date.
- JWV Brochure is available. We will not add local post stickers to brochure. Department will have a central contact to assist people with geographic matching to local posts.
- Working on the 2019/2020 Meeting schedule with CEC. See attached schedule. February, April and May meetings moved up one week due to JUF Brunch, Pesach, and Mother's Day respectively. March will require an off-site location due to Purim Carnival. Note that Nov 10 meeting will include posting of flags at Oakridge Cemetery with 9th graders.

New Business

- Honor Flight Chicago Veteran Application. Now accepting Viet Nam Veterans on Space Available after priority to WWII and Korea Vets. Contact info 773-227-8387 or honorflightchicago.org. One day trip to DC.

Announcements:

- Dupage United is holding listening sessions for groups to help them identify issues for advocacy. Have offered to include JWV as a group for a listening session. Bruce Mayor will follow-up.
- JWV member Mike Sawyer was elected president of Congregation Etz Chaim.

Good of the Order/Comrades in Distress: John Wilkerson recovering from surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for August 11, 2019 at Congregation Etz Chaim, 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Braverman
Adjutant