

Minutes of the Meeting of Jewish War Veterans Post 54

July 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Commander H. Goldstein.

Members present were: B. Erlich, H. Goldstein, R. Honig, B. Mayor, M. Sawyer, F. Stopsky, J. Trafimow, M. Turner, L. Turner, M. Warner, R. Weininger, J. Wilkerson.

The June minutes were read and approved.

Howard shared information about the department banquet, attended by Bruce Mayor, John Wilkerson and himself. He and Bruce also attended the annual meeting. He reported that JWF is struggling for membership and finances nationwide. At this time we are the only post in the Illinois Department in good standing.

Quartermaster Leslie Turner stated that our bank balance is \$392.38. There was no report from the senior or junior Vice Commanders. We reviewed our activities/accomplishments from last year. Commander Goldstein swore in the newly elected officers. Only the new Chaplain, Richard Heisler, was absent.

Journey Care will make a presentation to our group in September. More details to follow at the August meeting. We will have a table at the High Holiday Hustle. We need to appoint a new alternate to VAC to help Bruce Mayor.

The remainder of the meeting was spent on brainstorming as to what is our mission and how we achieve it. Several suggestions were discussed, and are listed below.

Continue successful activities from past year.

Talk to Sunday School students.

Assist vets in need.

Members of Post 54 share with students about how Jews fared in the military, including personal story and overview of the times.

We have limited resources but could do educational programs beyond Etz Chaim. We can do outreach at little or no cost.

Education should not be war stories.

Commander Goldstein stated that we need to create a proposal to be taken to the appropriate people in our congregation. He appointed Fred Stopsksy and John Wilkerson to an ad hoc committee to get things in writing. People with suggestions should send them to Fred or to John. They will report at the August meeting.

Commander Goldstein adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M.

Submitted by

John Wilkerson

Adjutant

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