

Minutes of Jewish War Veterans Post 54 meeting on July 19, 2015

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

Minutes from the June 14, 2015 were approved.

Commander Goldstein announced that we will have three new members – the ceremony to be determined. He reported on the recent statewide meeting, attended by Rich Heisler, Bruce Mayor, and Howard Goldstein. He distributed material on the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanction (BDS) Movement and stated that we would discuss it at the planning session. The commander also distributed brochures on the National Jewish War Museum in Washington, D.C.

Quartermaster L. Turner stated that new member dues statement will be arriving soon.

Senior Vice-Commander Heisler announced that many of our educational activities will start when religious school resumes. The Pritzker Foundation will do individual war stores, but we need to fill out individual forms to participate.

Junior Vice-Commander Mayor distributed membership forms to complete and get back to him. He will take care of the pictures. These forms will be helpful at appropriate times, e.g. eulogies at funerals. He announced that he has received no response from other temples regarding info on membership. He mentioned that the National Museum needs help from all posts to keep going.

The members then shifted to the supplemental agenda – considering our mission, and planning future events. After discussion of the meaning of “true Americanism” from the national mission statement, the issue was tabled to a future meeting. We need to clarify our role in cemeteries. If we are going to participate we need someone to step forward and take charge in this area.

John Wilkerson announced that there is an exhibit at the Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, entitled “Lincoln and the Jews.” It is just beginning and will run through the fall. He will check on specifics and share them at the next meeting.

There was consensus on keeping future programs separate from post meetings. Someone asked if we need a Program Chair to plan future events.

Howard Goldstein stated we will have a table for the new membership drive –that takes place immediately followed the High Holiday Shuffle on August 23. John Wilkerson volunteered to represent JWV Post 54 at the event.

In financial planning, it was announced that we get \$500 back from membership dues. If we wish to be an active, viable post, we will need additional sources of money. Someone recommended that each

member make a donation. All agreed that we need to create ways of paying for our programs. A motion would be entertained at our next meeting.

Bruce Mayor asked for a moment of silence for the military personnel killed at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

After this time, Howard Goldstein called the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

John Wilkerson

Adjutant