

Jewish War Veterans

Post #54

Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2018

Command Bruce Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:7 AM. Today is Veterans Day. The October Minutes were approved as written. Motion to approve November's minutes was approved in advance.

Attendance: Bruce Meyer, Howard Goldstein, Mark Turner, Leslie Turner, John Wilkerson, Steve Braverman, Ron Weininger; Rich Heisler, Jordan Trafimow, Rob Honig;

Commander's Report:

- Department Meeting:
 - National Museum of American Jewish Military History observing 60th birthday on Veterans Day.
 - Combined Veterans Association (CVA) honored David Himes
 - National Commander planning to visit Midwest, specifics pending
- Oakridge Cemetery Monument update (below under old business).
- Well attended Interfaith Service on Nov 2.
- VAVS Meeting
 - Director's update: Hines is 40th/130 VA Facilities for Quality – increase from 65th; New Boiler plant undergoing operational testing; Kitchen nearly complete

Reports

- Quartermaster's Report – Leslie Turner: \$2,808.64 in the account. Cost for Hines Ceremony was \$282.79 since Uncle Bub's donated much of the food. Report accepted.
- Senior Vice Commander – John Wilkerson: Nothing to report
- Junior Vice Commander – (Vacant): No report

Old Business

- Cemetery Monument: Restoration moved to Spring; Have concrete bid; Will explore Amish assistance for wheel restoration; \$1500 per wheel + shipping to Georgia is current estimate. Complete Restoration for \$12K. Would need fund raising.

- 9th Grade Religious School classroom discussion – Oct 28th. Talks went well with good interest from the students.
- 9th Grade Flag placement at Oakridge Cemetery, Nov 4th went well despite cold and rainy weather. Good discussion in class after. One student expressed interest in joining IDF after school. Suggestion that JWV National should consider discussing whether this is a problem for US Military recruitment; Need Volunteers for Flag Removal November 13 at 1000 hrs.
- Veteran's Day at Hines Hospital – Ceremony and JWV food donation went very well. No food left over except buns. Broadview Fire Department helped in set up. Mark Turner volunteered for something (will send thank you letter to Broadview Fire Department). Hines Director expressed thanks to the group.
- National Desert Storm War Memorial Wall – Chicago Wolves vs. Rockford Ice Hogs AHL Hockey game November 10, 7 PM to support the memorial. Event went well except for Wolves loss.
- Veterans Service at Etz Chaim Nov 9th. Meeting before at Patio went well. Successful service with blessing from Rabbi Cosnowski.
- Tumlar sponsored by JWV today at 9:30 AM.

New Business

- Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home is having a Dinner Show called Is Comedy Dead on Christmas Eve in Wilmette. Dinner at 6:00; Show at 7:30. Tickets are \$18 and proceeds will go to selling organization. Checks made out to JWV Post 54. Commander Mayer is POC for ticket sales numbers by December meeting
- A Christmas Carol at Goodman Theater donated 25 tickets for show December 12. Hines will provide bus transportation for 2N patients (addiction program) and supplies for a pizza party before the show. Motion approved to purchase pizza and drinks up to \$200. (Adjutant recused from vote).

Good of the Order/Comrades in Distress: Marshall Kayman is improved and back at Departmental Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Next meeting scheduled for December 9, 2018, at Congregation Etz Chaim, 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Braverman
Adjutant