

MINUTES

JWV Post #54

Meeting of December 10, 2017

**Commander Bruce Mayor called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.**

Members Present: Bruce Mayor, Richard Heisler, Jordan Trafimow, John Wilkerson, Mark Turner, Leslie Turner, Larry Malis, Steve Braverman, Mike Sawyer, Herve Bogolub.

Minutes from November, 2017 meeting were approved as written.

Commander's Report: Bruce Mayor stated that the Jewish Folk Festival will be on June 10, in Morton Grove, and that we will have a table. More information on this will be available as the event nears. Mike Sawyer agreed to serve as the VAC alternate for Post 54. We need to complete our annual VAC application. Bruce received a VAVS letter of certification, and now has orientation. This summer there will be a Walk for Israel. Bruce passed around copies of a guide to survivor's benefits. Let him know if you would like a personal copy.

Quartermaster Report: Leslie Turner told us he had paid \$93.50 for liability insurance. We have a balance in the bank at present of \$1850.56.

Senior Vice Commander Report: Mike Sawyer brought up the issue of whether JWV should be open to all Jewish vets, rather than be limited to those who served in wartime. He said that this could be done by eliminating the "war" clause from joining JFW. After brief discussion, the issue was tabled until the January meeting. Mike announced that the VA is still supporting programs for homeless vets. In Connecticut and New York City veterans can get free legal advice on medical issues.

Old Business. The collection of flags and cleaning of stones went well on November 19. As part of the discussion it was asked whether we should take responsibility for cleaning and maintaining the monument in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Steve Braverman proposed that we identify the feasibility of doing just that. We will participate in the Goodman Theater outing in conjunction with Hines VA hospital on December 27. Bruce Mayor, John Wilkerson, and Leslie Turner volunteered to take part.

Our next meeting will be at Etz Chaim at **10:00 A.M. on January 14, 2018.**

The Commander adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Wilkerson, Adjutant

12/29/2017