



The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Vice President Vince , followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice President Vince chaired the meeting in the absence of President Les.

Members in attendance were: Jim A., Dan H., Thaddeus H., Gary O., Amber G., Russell O., Tim H., Gail B., Staff Sgt. Dave M

Secretary Report: Motion was made by Jim A and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan H. to accept Secretary Report as submitted. Motion carried.

Financial Report: At the end of March (2017) Legacy Account had a checking balance of \$479.64 with the Adjusted Balance of \$479.64. End of March (2017) the Business Account had a Checking Balance of \$764.66, Outstanding Check #1036 in the amount of \$300.00 to the VFW Post 1223 Auxiliary donation which left the Adjusted Balance at \$464.66. Jim A. made motion to accept the Financial Report as reported, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan H., motion carried.

Guard Report: Staff Sgt. Dave told of the United Hero's Hockey Tournament that the Bearcats were in at the end of March which was their first one attending. They want to make this an annual event. He thanked the organizations that made this possible for them. Their entry fees, uniforms and etc. were paid for. He felt this was a great way to represent the Bearcats. He also showed us the certificates and framed picture that will be presented later and along with that was one jersey. They took 7<sup>th</sup> place and had a wonderful time.

Old Business: Dan H., reported that the Fund Raiser for the Honor Flight will be held on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 11- 3 at the VFW Post 1223 Dilworth. There will be a silent auction and also a free will donation for lunch which will be BBQ's, chips and beans. He is asking for volunteers for this event.

New Business: Vice President Vince reported that President Les had submitted a grant application with FM Area Foundation for the amount of \$2,000.00 This will be used to cover the cost of researching American Legion Posts, members and families in Clay County. We should know the results by the end of June. President Les was told by his contact person at the Foundation that they get very few Veteran related applications so hopefully we have a good chance of receiving this.

Elections of Officers were held:

President: Les Bakke

Vice President: Amber G

Secretary: Gail B

Treasure: Tim H

President Les will serve as President until he and his wife leave for Arizona and then Amber will serve as president.

For the Good of the Order: Russell O. reported on the “Brady O’Berg Legacy” A fishing trip to Alaska was donated to them. They will be taking 6 Combat Veterans from approximately May 27 - June 4. Also at the TNT Gym in Fargo they are starting a pilot program for 6 weeks with a gentleman who is a specialist in rebuilding muscles and etc. for veterans. This program is free to veterans. The DMF Giving Hearts Day in a 24 hour period raised \$10.7 million dollars. June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fertile Golf Course starting at 9:00 a.m. there will be a fund raiser for PTSD. The “Brady O’Berg Legacy” will also be the main sponsors for the next Honor Flight. Dan H. made a motion to help them out monetary wise, motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amber G. and the motion was carried.

On Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast on the Farm will be held at the Kasin Farms from 7:00 a.m. - Noon. This is a free will donation. So go there early for breakfast then go to the Fertile Golf Course for a fun filled day.

There is a possibility of 3 more Veteran Homes in Minnesota. One possibly being in Bemidji.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Week: Vietnam Veterans will be honored at the 2017 Vietnam Memorial Exhibit from 10:00 am.- 5:00 p.m. Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Fargo Air Museum. Admission is free to Vietnam Veterans.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 am. Next meeting will be Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Post 1223 Dilworth starting at 8:30 a.m.

Loyally Submitted

Gail B - Secretary