



The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by President Les followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members attending: Grant W., Jim A., Dan H., Vince., JoAnn C., Mark S., Gary O., Curtis C., Amber G., Summer H. and Dave M.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made by Grant W. and 2nd by Curtis C. to accept the report as submitted. Motion was carried.

Financial Report: At the end of December there was an Adjusted Balance of \$479.58 in the Legacy Account. The Business Account had a Checking Balance as of December 31st of \$784.40. There were two outstanding checks that were for November and Decembers Donation of \$300.00 each to the VFW Aux. 1223 with the total of \$600. This left an Adjusted Balance of \$184.40. Motion was made by Vince and 2nd by Dan to approve the Financial Report. Motion was carried and report was approved for audit.

VSO Report: VSO Curtis said that there was not a lot that was new at this time. He did let us know that there would be one veteran that would be graduating from the Veterans-Court Program. The date this would be would be announced. Curtis explained that this is a 5 stage program.

Guard Report: Staff Sgt. Morris said that the Christmas Party that was to be held at the VFW Post 1223 had been cancelled due to the Federal Budget that had not been approved before the party was to be held. Since then the budget had been past and the party date is set for Feb. 11th at VFW Post 1223 starting at 5:00 p.m. He did let us know that they would be leaving for Europe in June as planned. Staff Sgt. Morris informed us that the Unit had also been selected to represent the state as one of the Hockey Teams. They will be playing March 23-26. They are looking for equipment to use. There will be 6 local veterans and 12 regional veterans that will be playing and helping to make up one of 50 teams. This is there annual Fund Raiser for the Wounded Warriors. This will take place at Devils Lake.

2017 Budget: The Proposed Budget was handed out to all members in attendance. Treasurer Tim Haugen was given permission to write checks out up to \$500.00 without committee approval. This would be for food, gas, bus passes and assistance for needy veterans. Other requests would come to the floor for approval. Motion was made by Curtis C. and 2nd by Mark S. Motion was carried.

Dan H. made a motion that we would buy pop and water for the VSO Office for up to \$480.00 for the year and that this would be included in the budget. JoAnn C. 2nd the motion and the motion was carried.

Fund Raising: Dan said that he would bring it back to the board regarding the fund raiser that is done in the spring. The fund raiser will again include a silent auction along with a meal that would be a free will donation. Dan also mention that he would like to see Beyond The Yellow Ribbon donate to the Gap Fund. This will be talked about more at a future time.

Annual Report to City and County: Grant W. said that this well received by the both groups. There are 3 new Council Members and it was explained of the many things that is done by Beyond The Yellow Ribbon/Moorhead for our Veterans and Community and the many ways that we support the Moorhead Unit.

New Business: There was none at this meeting

For the Good of the Order: A spouse of a Veteran had successfully been moved and that we were able to supply the funds for U-Haul.

A fund raiser for the Honor Flight will be held on January 29th at the American Legion in Moorhead. They will have a silent auction, bake sale and a free will donation meal.

President Les and his bride will be taking a much needed vacation. They are heading south to warm weather but will be thinking of us!!

Vince will fill in for President Les at the February meeting which will be Thursday Feb. 9th at the Dilworth VFW Post 1223 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Submitted by
Gail