

American Legion Post 550 Minutes for August 2021

- Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by 1st Vice Commander Ron Nenovich.
- Roll call of officers: 1 absent.
- Guests: Oak Grove Middle teacher Brian Wesley says school is making a new logo, requests donation.
- Recognition given to member Paul Hassing, who was wearing a white hat. He is the new membership director for The American Legion Department of Minnesota.
- 2nd Vice: Picnic coming, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 21 at VFW.
- Finance Report read and approved.
- Chaplain: Moment of silence for a member who died.
- Athletic: Legion DI Jr. All-Star game was in mid-June. Post 550 is reason Red Haddox Field is a great place to accommodate baseball tournaments.
- Membership: 196 renewed and new members
- Gambling: Sales are typically down in June and July, less to give to charitable causes. Report read and approved.
- Boy Scouts: Troop 328 is closing. Some trying to save it.
- Gun Safety: Interest is strong, need more instructors.
- SAL: 14 members paid, off goose egg.
- July minutes approved.
- Good of Legion: Trumpeteer editor Cindy Busse moved to Arizona. Motion to give her \$200 thank you. Approved.
- Hassing spoke about membership, helping young veterans come into the Legion. Get them involved and engaged but not too busy all at once. Start a new member fund, give them shirts and other ways to brand the post in the community.
- Riders: Don Alman thanked Bloomington Post 550 for its \$25,000 donation. This goes to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. (See big photo in September issue of The Minnesota Legionnaire.)
- Prayer offered and meeting adjourned.,

— Adjutant Tim Engstrom