

American Legion Post 550 Minutes for December 2021

- Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. Dec. 13 by Commander Luis Campero
 - Roll call of officers: 1 absent.
 - No guests present.
 - New members present: Larry Frost, Charles Woods, Dave Winter.
 - 1st Vice: Post 550 donation of \$5,000 to Hastings Veterans Home helped provide tables for a kitchen.
 - Finance: Report approved.
 - Sgt.-at-Arms/Membership fill-in Leon Kopitski: 301 members presently, though more are awaiting processing.
 - Chaplain: Moment of silence for deceased members.
 - Athletics: There will be no Spaghetti Dinner Auction.
 - Commander: Donation of \$11,250, in the form of \$100 gift cards to E-6 and below enlisted soldiers at the Bloomington Armory, went over well. The donation benefited 125 soldiers.
- Motion to approve expenditure carries.
- Gambling: November resulted in \$7,935.85. October had \$22,538. Report approved. Clarence Bunkholt motioned to donate \$1,000 to the Department Commander's Project, Ron Nenovich seconded. Motion carried.
 - Gun Safety: Date of April 27 for classes, will use conference room for classes. Date of April 29 to go to Post 435's gun club and firing range. To sign up, call Kurt at 612-812-0854.
 - SAL: Jim Mead attended the Pearl Harbor Rally at Montgomery Post 79. He said SAL has 18 new members and 43 paid members.
 - Rick Warren said Post 550 needs a new flag before the January meeting. Discussion ensued about supply shortages.
 - Bunkholt said he met with the new VFW food vendor to talk about providing food for the Post 550 meetings. Motioned, seconded and approved to have meals a half hour before the membership meetings.
 - New members introduced themselves. Rick Warren moved to donate \$300 to the Creekside Community Center wood shop. Seconded and carried.
 - Upcoming district get-togethers were discussed.
 - Tim Engstrom and Don Alman agreed to arrive early to set up the meetings for the next six months.
 - Prayer offered and meeting adjourned.

— Adjutant Tim Engstrom