

Bloomington Post 550

Monday, December 12, 2022 Minutes

- Meeting called to order Dec. 12 by Commander Luis Campero.
- Colors presented, prayer offered. The POW flag was placed on an empty chair. Pledge and Preamble recited.
- Member Wilson Edwards representing the Minnesota Association of Youth Sports Officials invited members and their families to attend an after-Christmas party. The party will be 5-11:30 p.m. Jan. 7 at VFW Post 1296. He said RSVP by Dec. 25 to Wilson at Shlledwrds@aol.com or Linda at Lscheller@lt.life \$11/Person Buffet Dinner/Door prizes Enter to win
- Roll call of officers: Three excused, Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander and Sergeant-at-Arms.
- Printed copies of the November minutes distributed. Mead moved, Zesch seconded, and the minutes were approved.
- Chaplain reported the death of Phillip O. Gnerer and David O. Johnson. A close friend of Chaplain Mead, and New Brighton Post 513 member recently died. Prayers were offered for the deceased and for the speedy recovery of Vice Commander Ron Nenovich, and 2nd Vice Commander Clarence Bunkholt.
- Financial Officer Jerry Narragon gave the Financial Report, Zesch moved, Mead seconded, and the report was approved.
- Membership Director Paul Hassing reported that membership for 2023 is at 276 or 75% of the goal. We reached the Dec. 14 target of 75%. Discussion continued from last month's meeting regarding recruiting new members for the American Legion. A website will be a good start for recruiting new members and providing information about Post 550 and the American Legion in general. A motion was made by Keith Zesch and seconded by Debra Johnson to approve funding up to \$1,000 for the startup. The motion was approved. Tim Engstrom will head this project and will be assisted by Keith Zesch and Mike Mullin.
- Gambling Manager Tim Engstrom provided the Gambling Report. Debbie Lawell was no longer the accountant. Dan Fleischhacker is the new accountant. Funds to be distributed: Kennedy High School's Bloomington Activity Foundation \$10,000; Wishes 2 More \$500; School Scholarships to Britta Evenson and Charlie Abenth \$2,000 each; the 40/8 for two college scholarships totaling \$1400; Kennedy Football Booster Club \$3,000; and Fund 85 \$2,500. Evenson moved, Mullin seconded, and the report was approved.
- Gun Safety committee is planning the Firearms Safety Course for April 2023.
- Legion Riders will have just one weekend for the Legacy Run in 2023. It will be a Northern Route.
- Jim Mead reported for the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) membership is at 34.
- The VFW and American Legion Christmas Party for Children is 11 a.m. is Saturday, Dec. 17, at the Bloomington Event Center.
- Paul Hassing still is a candidate for department commander. He was endorsed by Post 550 last spring.
- Bloomington Post 550 was honored by the city for its support of baseball and will be on BEC TV.

- Prayer offered.
- POW flag recovered
- Meeting adjourned

— Adjutant Warren Christopherson