



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Chapter 528 Plymouth, MI 48170

General Membership Meeting

3/11/2019

MINUTES

Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence.

Members: 79.

Guests: None. Three new members present.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President– John Spencer – Welcomed everyone.

1st Vice President – Jerry Thomason- N/R.

2nd Vice President- Gary Bush- Provided a Handout- “Comrades in Vietnam”.

Secretary- Ron King-Feb. Minutes approved. M: Joe Agius; 2nd: Dale Luebke.

Treasurer- Bob Dew- Exc.

Chaplain: Rich Whipple-Prayers for chapter members with medical issues.

Chapter Historian: Gary Pritchard- N/R.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Conducted the second round of nominations for chapter officers, BOD members, and convention delegates. Nominees on file.
- Final round and elections at the April 8, 2019 General Membership Mtg.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff Yoshikawa mentioned the “Moving Wall” coming to Livonia in August, 2019. Need 10 volunteers. Do we want to participate in the opening ceremonies?

By-Laws- Jim Hodgson- New Policy Letters update on the website.

Membership- Bob Lamoureux- VVA: 305; AVVA: 85.

Product Sales Bill Petrere- His last night as the Product Sales rep.

Public Affairs Don Dignan- N/R.

Newsletter Tom Brown: Articles, photos, NLT the 25th of every month.

AVVA Rep – Bryan Bentley- The “Miracle League” needs volunteers.

VA Health Chair- Stu Israel-Presented the VA Ann Arbor Hospital report. On file.

VVA State Council- Dennis Bielskis. N/R.

Fundraising- Bob Dew. Exc.

Chapter Special Committee Reports

Kokomo- Dale Luebke – 189 and a wakeup!

DONATION/MOTION REQUESTS:

D2018-22

Donate \$200.00 to “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” organization located in Western Wayne County. Purchase materials to make beds for underprivileged children.

M: Jim Kimball. 2nd: Ron King

Board Recommendation: Approve. Membership: **Approved.**

D2018-23

Donate \$288.00 to “Adopt -A-Platoon” organization. Packages sent to Afghanistan.

M: Gene Spurgess 2nd: Bob Dew

Board Recommendation: Approve. Membership: **Approved.**

D2018-24

Donate \$250.00 to Angel’s Place. A place for developmental disabilities.

M: Pete Glasgow 2nd: Bob Dew

Board Recommendation: Approve. Membership: **Approved.**

D2019-001

Donate \$500.00 for a combined VFW/VVA Children’s Easter Party. (4/7/19).

M: Pete Glasgow 2nd: Don Dignan

Board Recommendation: Approve. Membership: **Approved.**

M2018-005

Motion to spend up to \$1500.00 from the E.G. Nicks donation to replace support frame, charcoal racks, and grilling plates for BBQ pit in Pavilion. Also build a new BBQ Spit to enable a possible PIG Roast Fundraiser in 2019.

M: Bob Dew 2nd: Mike Dicker

Board Recommendation: **Discuss with membership.** Membership: **Table.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Karaoke - 1st and 3rd Friday 8pm in the Post Lounge.
- Please sign birthday book before the meeting located in the Post Lounge.
- Lenten Fish Fries began on Friday, March 8 and continue each Friday through April 19, 2019.

Next VVA Board meeting is **Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7pm.**

Next VVA General Membership meeting is **Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7pm**

PRESIDENT

John Spencer

SECRETARY

Ron King

