**MINUTES OF FAIRMOUNT POST 85 MEETING**

**Oct 15, 2017**

**OPENING:**

Minutes of a regular meeting of the members of Post 85 duly called and held on 10/15/17 at Post 85, commencing at 10:00. 14 members were present.

**OFFICERS PRESENT WERE:**

**Richard Allain**

**Robert Lefort**

**Joe Dufresne**

**David Malone**

**Michael Karolyshyn**

**Kim Kaszyk**

Richard Allain presided as Commander and David Malone recorded the minutes.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion made, and carried, to accept previous meeting minutes without modification.

**Commander’s Report:**

* Vinnie Scirocco resigned as Sgt at Arms and Service Officer. He would like to appoint Mitch as the interim Sgt at Arms.

*Motion was made to appoint Mitch as Sgt at Arms. Motion carried.*

* The Ladies Auxiliary would like to be included in the Red Ticket quarterly drawings.

*Motion was made to allow them. Motion Carried*

* We need a liaison for monthly UVC meetings. Meeting was held at Post 85 this month and nobody was there to coordinate from the Post until Vice Commander stepped in. That is embarrassing.
* Vice Commander Lefort and Finance Officer Verrier said will switch off.
* Wanted clarification on dice and Red Tickets; are they allowed for any veteran?
* Adjutant Malone advised a previous meeting voted to only allow members of Post 85 to participate in dice, and when the Red Ticket was added it was said to be only for Post 85 Legion members.
* The bids for snow plowing and garage repair are in.
* Discussion on garage bids. Not everyone was aware the bidding process was up. The Commander stated this was discussed and agreed upon at the last meeting and the Post has ample funds to afford this. Further discussion on extending the bid period.

*Motion was made to accept the two bids submitted and act on one. Motion was seconded but did not carry.*

Discussion on whether work should be done this year or next.

*Motion by Adjutant to vote on if work should be done this year or next year. Motion seconded: 5 votes for this year, 7 votes for next year.*

Judge Advocate Kaszyk stated the snow plow bids will be discussed by the Board of Directors.

* Autographed Cam Neely shirt to be raffled off. The proceeds will go to a veteran family in the adopt a family program. Drawing held at the Christmas party.
* Baseball banquet went well. The total funds raised, including $2300 from FOF was $2900. He was disappointed in the member and officer turn out.
* Christmas party dates are Dec 2 or Dec 9. Consensus was for Dec 2.
* Commander recommends Baseball banquet caterer, Gary McLaughlin.

*Motion made for Gary McLaughlin to be contacted to cater the Christmas Party. Motion carried.*

Adjutant will contact and make arrangements.

* He would like to see members attend a Veteran’s Day luncheon at Oakland Grove Nursing Home on Nov 10. They have invited up to 15 members.

**Jr Vice Commander’s Report:**

* Showed members present a proposed new sign design for the front of Post 85. It will be about the same size as the illuminate sign. Members approved of the design. .

**Adjutant’s Report/DEC Report/Scholarship Chairman Report:**

* New member petitions were read. All were approved.
* Asked for support of the membership in his run for Department Commander in the upcoming year.

*Motion was made for Post 85 to support David Malone for the Position of Department Commander. Carried unanimous.*

* Noted the majority of members had paid dues for current year.
* Explained purpose of the Department Children & Youth fund and Boys State. Asked for volunteers to help in an upcoming benefit for both.
* Explained he has information that the RI Veterans Home stated to another service organization they do not need or want donated items.
* Discussion on who to donate drive items to. Judge Advocate suggested Operation Stand Down. Commander stated there is a local Stand Down home in Woonsocket.

*Motion made to donate to local Stand Down home. Motion carried.*

* Encouraged all members to recruit others to the Post.

**Finance Officer’s Report**:

* Reviewed current finances and account balances. Bills are paid and we are in the black

**Old Business:**

* Vice Commander stated the current Smiley Face fund raiser will come to an end on Sunday Oct 22.

**New Business:**

* Finance Officer asks if bar patrons should be allowed to use the ATM in the Hall during meetings as this would encourage them to spend money at the bar. Adjutant stated that per protocol, meetings are private and confidential for Legion members only.
* Discussion on if the ATM can be moved. It had been placed in the Hall due to space issues. The Commander stated he will see if space can be found in the main bar area.
* Commander proposes we purchase new ceremonial flags for the Hall. The old ones do not fit since the Hall was renovated. He proposes we contact Post 88, as they specialize in flag sales.

*Motion was made and carried.*

Adjutant said he will make arrangements.

* Commander stated the Post license plates are on order.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17