

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 604, Spencerville
Special GENERAL MEETING, February 16, 2023

Call to order: 7:06 pm

Present: Tom Lilloco, Mary Moore, Mark Packwood, Lyle Skuce, Diane Schmitz, Joe Schmitz, Justin Schmitz (guest), Susan Moreau, Jim Sheppard, Dannie Condie, Chuck Larter

Agenda: Susan Moreau moved to deviate from our usual format to present a bursary to Justin. Seconded Mary Moore. Approved.

Minutes: Read by Mary Moore, accepted Chuck Larter, Mark Packwood

Presidents Report: good evening, comrades. We are doing very well. We have some things to discuss re renovations. Proud to say we have a lot of volunteer help.

Financial: Carol presented her P&L, Susan asked about director insurance. Yes we do have director insurance. Chuck motion to accept finance report, Susan second.

Bar: doing well. Renew Smart Serve was approved last meeting. We will be able to add 2 bartenders.

House: We need to replace all our fire extinguishers (5). Get a recommendation from the fire department. Get the FD to check our smoke detectors. Jim S will check with the FD. Test fire alarm boxes. Also check defibrillator.

Toilet leaking downstairs. Check cooler in the back. Large ants invading. Be more vigilant with garbage cans.

Are we leaking hydro? Tom will try to reach out to Shawn. Also regarding the water heater. Switch plate covers missing downstairs. Extra covers in boxes downstairs.

Membership: we are over 100, may achieve 120. Still more to reach out to. Koren is on it.

S at Arms: not much to do - people are behaving! No problems. Need to order a pace stick and sash. XXL adjustable.

Seniors: seniors enjoy our events.

Ways and Means: half-way through Feb. We have 1 more wing night, one more Tuesday dinner. We have 3 hall rentals. March, big breakfast for Lockwood Brothers. More rentals in summer coming too. Bob and Andy from Eddy and the Stingrays played Feb 16 at the birthday bash. We would look to have 121 people. March 17, 1-6 Irish Music proposed - TBD.

Youth: need a volunteer for the executive.

VSO: no report at this time

Poppy Report: Report has been completed and sent to Command for 2022.

Public Relations: FB continues to be a valuable communications tool, as does Mail Chimp. I will add Lyle's email (lyleskuce@gmail.com) to my list on MC.

Sports: need a sports officer, as Wayne has not been able to fulfill his duties or attend meetings. Susan suggests he could send a representative. Chuck pointed out he has missed so many meetings he is to be considered out of the position. Koren approached Wayne to see if he would organize cards for March. Mary will post job descriptions on the website and post on FB.

Old Business:

- Ukraine – discussion on where we could help. Members don't like the idea of donating to the Red Cross. Others have donated directly to families. Lyle will get the name of his colleague who handled their donation. Approach churches to see if they are supporting Ukraine. Chuck will look into is there a family in the area that needs help. We need to align any good deeds with the Legion's mission. 'Victims of War'.
- Teachers will be coming back in March. Researchers for Hill 70. We have one name on our cenotaph who fell at Hill 70. We have passed on the names from our cenotaph to find out more about them.

New Business

Next upgrades to Legion: bathroom floors, kitchen in particular.

- Cleaning: best quote was \$465.00. Connie Mosher. We may need someone else to do bathrooms. Bee Squeaky Clean for bathrooms. \$250.00. Maybe do the wood floors.
- Executive is in favour to get the deep clean done. Chuck moves to go ahead, seconded by Jim. Then we can patch and paint.
- High school students to volunteer. Go to high schools and talk to counsellors. Tom will contact them at South Grenville, and St. Marks.
- Mark Packwood was offered 2nd Vice, but would prefer to stay as 3rd. Chuck moved to accept. Diane second. We will need to find someone for 2nd Vice.