

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held September 22, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Mark Weiss at 10:02 AM. In attendance: Dr. Ed Adler, Dr. Miles Auster, Alan Anchill, Dr. Ed Hirsch, Marty Myers, Don Ritten, Mark Weiss, and Linda Zyla. Guests at our table included Mrs Dede Auster, Shelley Order (JWV Ladies Auxiliary), and non-member Michael Rosenberg (took an application).

Old Business:

- July minutes were not read because they had been distributed through email and US mail.
- Financial Report – post in sound position. Should continue to be strong for the next few years.
- JWV Department of Michigan won “Best Website” at the 2019 National Convention, which was attended by Mark Weiss, Ed Hirsch, and Larry Berry (Post 135). Mark was not impressed by the rest of the convention.
- Hazon Michigan Jewish Food Fest Aug 18 at Eastern Mkt; JWV passed out 10 membership applications.
- Hamtramck Labor Day parade was attended by 15 JWV Michigan members. Eight were from Post 474.

New Business:

- Steven Haas retired as Department Adjutant after 10 years in that position. Need a new Department Adjutant. Responsibilities include taking/distributing minutes, maintaining rosters, etc.
- John Horton, our Department liaison to Great Lakes Nat'l Cemetery for 5 years, is having health issues. Need a new rep. Meetings are in Holly, MI. Possibly Walter Wasserman (JWV transfer from Melbourne, Florida) who lives in Fenton, MI. Walter expected to be here today, but is late (arrived 10:55).
- Victory Gala Oct 12 to benefit WW2 Legacy Memorial. At GM Heritage Center in Sterling Hts. Strolling dinner, lots of antique cars on display. See website for details, how to get tickets.
- Stories of Service: An Evening With Veterans Nov 6 to benefit Fisher House Michigan. JWV Michigan Sr. Vice Commander Art Fishman is one of the speakers. In Ann Arbor. See website for details, how to get tickets.
- HMC 35th Anniversary dinner on Nov 17. If you are a WW2 vet and were not paid-for by JWV last year, you are eligible to be paid-for by JWV this year. Post 474 members, contact Mark Weiss.
- Oct 20 meeting will include a virtual Tour of Old Detroit by Jewish Historical Society. Invite family & friends.
- “Dear Veteran” recruiting letter being distributed by Temples/Synagogues. Look for it. “Dear Cadet” letter (College ROTC recruiting effort) starting soon. Scholarship might be offered.
- Vote is required for Post 474 to spend **unbudgetted** \$1,000 on an ROTC Scholarship (if a candidate is found). Motion by Ed Hirsch, second by Marty Myers, to offer one \$1,000 scholarship to an ROTC cadet in the 3rd or 4th year that joins Post 474 (in-service membership is free) and meets “not yet determined” GPA and extra-curricular requirements. Call for discussion; none. Call for the vote; raise-hand vote unanimous in favor.
- Veterans Day is coming. JWV Michigan be in the Detroit Veterans Day parade Sunday, Nov 10. More info to follow. Nov 9, both Shaarey Zedek and Bnai Israel of West Bloomfield will do Veteran Shabbats. Unless you are a member of Bnai Israel, go to Shaarey Zedek. Commander Ed Hirsch will speak at Bnai Israel. On Nov 16, Temple Shir Shalom will have a Veteran Shabbat. Pictures will follow service. All events, wear JWV hat.
- Ed Hirsch added that Farmington Hills does a Veterans Day lunch to honor vets the Friday before Veterans Day at the F.H. Costick Center. Open to non-F.H. residents. Vets free. Guests can accompany the vet. Get tickets at the Costick Center (Vets free, but tickets required for headcount purposes).
- Our website, under “Useful Links”, has a link to a Veterans Day discounts website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Mark Weiss