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Minutes of the Virtual August 2, 2020 JWV Post 135 Meeting

In attendance, from various individual remote sites, were Larry Berry, David Cuttner, Ted Gittleman, Steve Haas, Fred Peiss, and Don Schenk. Gittleman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. He reported that Hans Weinmann has stepped down from his Post jobs as our Chaplain and our HMC Representative. Hans has held those positions for a very long time. We will truly miss his commitment to the JWV, his knowledge on so many topics and his input for all of these years. We wish both Hans and Sylvia much good health as well as our gratitude for all that they have done for both Post 135 and for the Department of Michigan.

Berry then gave the Quartermaster report, noting that the Post remains solvent. He stated that the Post made a donation of \$200 each to the Dingell VA Hospital for homeless veterans and to the World War II Legacy Memorial to purchase an engraved brick there. Our poppy sale ended up about \$1,400 short due, in part, to the COVID-19 pandemic and, thus, our inability to solicit funds in person.

Peiss presented the Dingell VA Hospital report. He stated that, had there been any such meetings after the pandemic began (and there were none), he would not have attended due to his concerns for the risk to him and to his family's health. His attendance at future meetings is contingent upon how the Hospital chooses to handle those health challenges.

Under Old Business, Ted stated that we are still looking for volunteers for the Kosher Meals on Wheels and the Programming Committees. Bill Glogower, Post 510 Commander, is in charge of those. If you would like to serve, contact Bill at (248) 914-6988 or bglo1@att.net. The Hazon Michigan Jewish Food Festival has been cancelled for 2020 due to the pandemic; however, food boxes are on sale at the Federation office. If you are interested in donating or purchasing a box, call Marla Schloss at that office (248 790-3133) or e mail her at marla.schloss@hazon.org. Ted stated that our poppy sales raised \$1564. Three of our members have died since our last meeting. They are Jack Backalar, Howard Greenspan, and David Stofer. He led a moment of silence in their memories. The JWV National Convention will occur virtually on August 23-27. Representing Post 135 will be Cdr. Gittleman, NEC Rep. Larry Berry, and Department Chief of Staff Don Schenk. At the last Department meeting on July 19 (a virtual meeting), six members attended. A presentation was made then by the Anti-Defamation League. You can view that presentation on Webex at JWV Department of Michigan department-wide meeting-20200719 1457-2 at the JWV-MI website. We will not be making the trip to Battle Creek this Christmas day as the Hospital has requested us not to attend for COVID-19 reasons.

At the Good and Welfare session, at the end of the meeting, we agreed to make a \$300 donation to the Friends of the Jewish Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis. The donation being under \$1000 only required the approval of the Commander or Senior Vice Commander and the Quartermaster, per the By-Laws.

Ted Adjourned the Meeting at 9:57 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Steve

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