



Jewish War Veterans of the USA

PFC Joseph L. Bale Post 474

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Minutes of meeting held December 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mark Weiss at 10:00 AM via a Webex Video Conference. The meeting was attended by Dr. Ed Hirsch, Mark Weiss, Dr. Ed Adler, Alan Anchill, Dr. Miles Auster, Ronald Siegel, and Mark Cooperman.

Old Business:

- Reading of opening prayer, pledge of allegiance, reading of closing prayer, and Post 474 prior meeting minutes were waived.
- Financial Report: Post is financially sound with a comparable account balance as last year.

New Business:

- CD matured on 12/3/2020 and the Post is currently searching for the best rate to renew the CD.
 - An issue was uncovered while researching a new financial source for the CD renewal. It appears the Post doesn't have a Michigan Article of Incorporation in which a financial institution may request when applying for the CD. The yearly fee for Articles of Incorporation is \$25.
 - Discussion pursued concerning whether it is needed or does it fall under the Department Level
 - Mark Weiss made a motion to proceed with the Post obtaining the Articles of Incorporation. Mark Cooperman seconded the motion.
 - The motion passed by a six to one vote. The single no vote was based on the efforts at the Department level to provide a legal opinion whether the Articles of Incorporation should be at the Department or Post level
 - Any further action on this matter will occur after the Department's research and analysis is completed
- We have a budget overage as a result of a reduction in activities due to COVID. There is \$500 available that we can donate to organizations that serve military/veterans, in accordance with our Bi-Laws. The Michigan Freedom Center, Fisher House, Koshertroops.com, and Veterans Returning Home were options discussed. There is a matching fund penalty for diverging from a military/veteran organization.
- Mark Cooperman made a motion to donate \$250 each to Michigan Freedom Center and Fisher House. Dr. Ed Hirsch seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
 - Michigan Freedom Centers - Each center (Metro AP, Troy & Lansing Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS)) features a relaxing environment which provides amenities such as food and beverages. The goal is to provide a quiet respite for those who sacrifice or have sacrificed such comforts for our sake in

the defense of our freedom.

- Fisher House Michigan (Fisher House planned for the John D Dingell Medical Center in Detroit) - A Fisher House is a “home away from home” where military and Veterans’ families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment.
- The Post will continue WEBEX meetings every other month. Anticipate in-person meetings late spring or early summer depending on vaccination status. A May date will allow for Memorial Day activities such as poppy sales and Memorial Weekend Parade. If possible the JWV Department will participate in Memorial Weekend Parade in St. Clair Shores.
- After vaccinations the JWV Honor Guard Participation at veteran’s funerals will resume. The Honor Guard pays tribute to the deceased veteran and provides the JWV Organization visibility in the community. All retired members are asked to support this effort.
- The next Post meeting will take place via WEBEX on February 21st, 2021 after the National Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 AM

Ron Siegel
Post 474 Adjutant