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Minutes of the Virtual January 24, 2021 JWV Post 135 Meeting

In attendance, from various remote sites, were Larry Berry, Bob Franklin, Ted Gittleman, Steve Haas, Alan Kimmel, Marc Manson, Fred Peiss, and Don Schenk. Gittleman called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM. A motion was passed to approve the December Minutes after a Berry motion to do that with a Peiss second.

Berry then gave the Quartermaster report, stating that the Post remains solvent. He further stated that, because of COVID-19, some budgeted items needed to be changed. A revised budgeted report had been discussed at the December meeting and subsequently submitted to some of the Post leadership and was approved. Among those changes, Larry reported that the Post had received a substantial donation in memory of former Commander Stan Eisenberg, income had increased and expenses reduced. He and Commander Gittleman will be requesting each member to assemble a list of 25 names for poppy solicitations later this year. Schenk reported that, at the recent EXCOM meeting, the Department Quartermaster asked what we are doing or planning to do with the checking account. The possibilities suggested at the Post 135 meeting included donations to the HMC and Fisher House. Manson mentioned another possible source of 135 gifts being the Michigan Heroes Museum (<https://miheroes.org>). He thought that it may have an area for Jewish heroes. It was mentioned that we may not want to have to match any donations to National. (After the meeting, Haas electronically mentioned to Gittleman, Berry and Schenk that a donation to the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids, Michigan <https://www.vfwnationalhome.org> could be considered.) As a bi-product to this discussion, Berry asked how much we wanted to keep in reserve, a question that needs answering before we make donations elsewhere. There may be a legal issue if we hold funds for a long time that we do not use. As you read these minutes and before the next Post meeting, if you have any spending ideas for the Post or the Department, call Ted or send him an e mail. You can reach him at the phone number or e mail address shown under "Officers" in the left hand margin of these minutes.

Peiss stated that the VA Hospitals are providing COVID shots, but only for registered patients there.

Under New Business, Commander Gittleman wondered (out loud) whether a Tuesday night meeting, say in March, would be better for our attendance. Fred Peiss, for one, felt that Sunday AM was better for him. Berry reported that the Post sent a \$200 donation to the US Naval Academy Jewish Chapel. He suggested a like donation to the US Military Academy (at West Point), the Air Force Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. Schenk received the recent issue of the Jewish Veteran and other Members, because of USPS delays, have not. So he sent it electronically to some of the members. Kimmel has received some questions about us from a Jewish Chaplain and Alan has responded. **OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 21 (EVEN THOUGH WE USUALLY DO NOT MEET IN FEBRUARY).** The Post 135 meeting will start at 10 AM, followed by a Department of Michigan meeting – with a guest speaker – starting at 11:00 AM. Finally, should you be interested in serving as an officer of Post 135 for the 2021-2022 Post year, we really, really need you to volunteer. Take it from me, it does not take that much time and your Post needs you. Should you choose to volunteer or would just like some information about the jobs, please call Ted or send him an e mail. **THANKS!**

Commander Gittleman adjourned the meeting at 9:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve

Steven Haas, Adjutant, JWV Post 135