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Minutes of the Virtual February 21, 2021 JWV Post 135 Meeting

In attendance, from various remote sites, were Larry Berry, Bon Franklin, Ted Gittleman, Steve Haas, Sid Kraizman, Fred Peiss, Donald Schenk, Gene Shaffer and Don Wagner. In Gittleman's technologically-delayed attendance, Peiss called the meeting to order around 10:05 AM. Haas noted that in the January Minutes, he had incorrectly stated that Gittleman had requested a list of 25 non-Members/non-Patrons per person to contact for the poppy sale, not 25 people in total. Oops. Mea culpa. Actually, he has requested as many such potential donors as possible. Even with that correction, he has only received three names and they were from but one person. The Minutes were thus corrected and they were so approved.

Berry then gave the Quartermaster report, stating that the Post remains solvent. We have now donated \$200 to each of the Jewish Cadet Chapels at the US Military Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy Chapel. Schenk stated that those and other donations need to be approved by National as "Qualified Donations." The QM report was then approved with Schenk withholding his approval until National gives its "OK" to the donations, sans a matching donation to National, as stated in his previously mentioned objection re:Qualified Donations. Peiss then gave the VAVS Report. Programs remain more or less on hold but donations are still being made with some programs occurring virtually. No patient contact is being allowed. He also discussed the Soldiers Angels program, Fisher House construction, the Medical Center Report, snacks for chemotherapy/hemodialysis patients, and the meeting calendar for much of 2021.

Under New Business, Commander Gittleman reiterated that ELECTIONS FOR POST COMMANDER AND SENIOR VICE COMMANDER WILL OCCUR AT THE MAY POST MEETING. Those positions must be filled as the Post cannot survive without your participation and leadership. We need you to volunteer! Membership in the Jewish War Veterans involves active roles for you and that involvement is badly needed. The other leadership positions (Jr. Vice Cdr, Adjutant, and Quartermaster) are appointed positions. Please contact Ted to volunteer. You can reach him at the phone number or e mail address shown under "Officers" in the left-hand margin of these minutes.

Kraizman was looking for help from the Post and the Department of Michigan on some legislative issues in Michigan. Two Senate Bills (SB 157 and SB 158) Committee hearings occurred on February 24. SB 157 would allow health professionals to be initially licensed in Michigan if the applicant is a veteran, service member, or their dependent who holds an out of state license in that profession. SB 158 affords similar licensing benefits for other professions (e.g. residential home builders). The support issue was moved to the following Department meeting where a letter of support was so approved. A discussion then followed about moving our Post meetings from 9:30 AM on Sundays to another (midweek?) day. After much discussion, the meetings will remain on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

The Commander has informed the Adjutant (well after the meeting) that if any of you want a new JWV Post cap, contact Ted. They cost about \$35.

Commander Gittleman adjourned the meeting at 10:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve

Steven Haas, Adjutant, JWV Post 135

(The next Post 135 meeting will occur on March 14, 2021 at 9:30 AM.)