

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held October 17th, 2021

The meeting was held remotely via Webex and called to order by Mark Weiss at 10:03 AM.

The meeting was attended by Mark Weiss, Dr. Ed Adler, Dr. Ed Hirsch, Alan Anchill, Dave Hundiak, Mark Reed, Ron Siegel, and Joel Hechler.

Old Business:

- Reading of Post 474 prior meeting minutes were waived
- Financial Report: Post is financially sound with a significant account balance. The post has a comparable bank account balance as last year at this time.
- Veterans Parade Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 AM – We will meet at the Tel-12 parking lot in front of Best Buy at 9:45AM. The carpool will leave promptly at 10:00. Dress code is white shirt, gray slacks, black shoes, and JWV hat.
- Veterans Shabbat at Shaarey Zedek is 10AM on Saturday Nov 6th. Indoors. Masks required. Dress blue sport coat, red tie, white shirt, gray slacks, black shoes, and JWV hat.

New Business:

- Post 474 gave \$100 to the 2021 Detroit Veterans Day Parade. This fee pays for Detroit Police overtime. This was not in the budget because we had given \$200 to the 2020 Detroit Veterans Day Parade. It was believed that the 2020 parade had been canceled, so our \$200 would be carried over. However they did hold a reduced 2020 parade, which JWV chose to not participate in.
- Guy Stern from Post 135 is the honoree and speaker at this year's WW2 Legacy Memorial "Victory Gala" fundraising dinner. The Department is paying for our WW2 veterans to attend. In accordance with our by-laws, the Post Quartermaster and Commander agreed to pay for 2 companions to support the two WW2 vets that are attending.
- Friday, Nov 5th, West Bloomfield will host it's 4th annual Heroes Appreciation Breakfast. Free to Veterans and their one guest. Attendees must register online; see our website calendar for the link.
- Not having the Chanukah Party this year due to COVID. Cancelling the Chanukah Party provides additional funds to be donated. A motion was raised and second to donate \$750 in which the party funds were a portion of to koshertroops.com.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Mitzvah day is December 26th and we will not be going to Battle Creek VAMC. The Department will be donating funds.
- Flagging at Cemeteries - In October Synagogues and Temples received a letter from JWV announcing the effort to identify and place flags at veteran's gravesites. Al Moskovitz is writing an article to further promote this effort.
- Dr Ed Hirsch discussed the annual Farmington Hills Veteran Day luncheon on Nov 11th from 11AM to 2:30PM at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills, The annual F.H. Veterans Day Celebration. \$10/\$12 (Res./N.R. of F.H.). This event includes an honor guard ceremony, recitation of veterans' names, and a special luncheon. Veterans that live in Farmington/Farmington Hills may attend at no charge but **must pre-register** at the front desk at the Costick Center or by calling 248-473-1800 **by October 29**.
- Nov 21st, our next WEBEX Post meeting 10AM then a Department-wide WEBEX at 11AM. At the end of the Department-wide meeting, we will hear from a rep from Operation Benjamin.
 - The aim of Operation Benjamin is to locate Jewish personnel at American military cemeteries all over the world who, for various reasons, were buried under markers incorrectly representing their religion and heritage. Their mission is to correct these mistakes and provide, these many decades later, comfort to the families of the fallen.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Ron Siegel
Post 474 Adjutant