

Upcoming Events:

- **17 March 2024 – Post Meeting – TKA – 10 AM w/ Dept Mtg at 1100 Hours - Jewish Family Service CEO to speak**
- **21 April 2024 – Post Meeting – TKA – 10 AM w/ Dept Mtg at 1100 Hours**
- **Trip to Michigan Heroes Museum, Frankenmuth, TBD**

Minutes of the 21 January 2024 JWV Post 135 Meeting at TKA

Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM. In attendance were Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, Barbara Davis, Ted Gittleman, Steven Haas, Barry Kaufman, Arnold Levitsky, and Donald Schenk. With the Commander correcting the date of the last meeting Minutes (of November 19, 2023), those Minutes were approved as previously submitted without being read. QM Berry then gave the QM report, noting that the Post remains solvent and is on track with the Budget after six months of the current fiscal year. The Blackstone fund is doing quite well for us. He urged those of us who are required to make annual dues payments to get those paid! They are a “prime” source of our income. Schenk seconded that request. The Commander gave a brief recap of the 2023-24 poppy fundraising efforts. The Post is looking for financial partners, in part, by scouring the ad book from the Holocaust Center (ZHC) dinner and other similar publications.

There was no correspondence to report. He briefly summarized Post activities since our November meeting (Veterans Day events and Chanukah party). As in the past, there are no February meetings for the posts and the Department. The March 17 Post meeting will be followed by the Department meeting when a representative from JFS will speak to us. The ZHC reopened on 28 Jan 2024. The Oakland County Veterans Resource Fairs are occurring. The admission is free, but you must register with the county to attend. They are on 15 Feb and 14 March. Giveaways include free food boxes, Meijer gift cards and other goodies. Jewish Historical Society of Michigan (JHSM) Exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum will run from 20 April 2024 to 14 July 2024. Don will pursue additional details on this event. He mentioned the need for volunteers (homes or other non-specific responsibilities) for supporting the visiting athletic adolescent competitors for the Maccabi games on 28 Jul – 02 Aug. Little enthusiasm was shown by the membership; but Schenk will search for more information. JWV-MI will host the Memorial Day services at the Great Lakes National Cemetery even though that will conflict with our regularly scheduled Memorial Day events (two cemeteries and the Royal Oak parade). The Department will send representatives to serve as hosts and Cdr. Schenk will be the speaker. We will not be doing the St. Clair Shores Parade this year. He then provided some Post demographics and upcoming birthdays. We now have four female members!

National JWV is installing a new computer system. That is good news! The potential bad news is that we each may need to update our own data into that system. For some of us, that may merit a major “OY!” He urged us to read an article on the new system in the recent issue of The Jewish Veteran (Vol 77, #4, 2023, page 5). Cdr. Schenk is working with JHSM to more permanently honor our Post namesake, Lt. Ray Zussman. He is working on a similar Zussman honor with Ray’s synagogue (Congregation Shaarey Zedek). Ted Gittelman has a phone number for Ray’s son and will forward that to Don.

Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:49 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

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