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Minutes of the 24 March 2024 Department Meeting

Approved by EXCOM 28 April 2024

- The meeting, conducted at Temple Kol Ami, was called to order by DC Weiss at 1100.
- OOD Adler prepared the Altar.
- DC Weiss led JWV-MI in Honors to the Nation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- CH Gartner read the opening prayer.
- DC Weiss asked JWV-MI to accept 21 Jan 24 meeting minutes. Accomplished without objection.
- No Quartermaster report.
- Programs—SrVC Glogower was absent and Post 510 SrVC Garbeil had nothing to report.
- Membership & Public Relations—JrVC Schenk
 - Orientation meeting in Ann Arbor, 12 Mar 24. No attendees despite article and advertisement in Washtenaw Jewish News and notes to community leaders
 - Next outreach to Washtenaw County is 11 Apr 24. Volunteers encouraged. DC Weiss requested PCs review rosters for members/patrons in Washtenaw County to attend or recommend Jewish non-JWV member attendance.
 - Community Activities of note
 - Zekelman Holocaust Center Re-opened 28 Jan 24
 - May Activities
 - Flag Collection Reminder
 - Michigan Veterans Summit, 1-3 May 24
 - Yom HaShoah, 5 May 24
 - Memorial Day Activities
 - Cemetery Ceremonies, Sunday, 26 May 24
 - Machpelah, Ferndale, 1030
 - Hebrew Memorial, Clinton Twp, 1300
 - JWV-MI is host at GLNC for Memorial Day
 - Royal Oak Parade, Monday, 270900May24, SP Main @ Lincoln
- Reports from Posts
 - Post 135
 - Finance Board Report was submitted to JWV-USA on time.
 - Post is solvent with investments continuing to generate cash
 - 59 Members/Patrons
 - Exploring visit to JHSM at DHM depending on JWV-MI calendar
 - Officer Slate was approved for action in coming months
 - Agreed to contribute \$100 to SrVC (Emeritus) Fishman efforts to support R. Moskowitz' upcoming trip to Israel
 - Post 474
 - Solvent
 - Agreed to contribute \$180 to SrVC (Emeritus) Fishman efforts to support R. Moskowitz' upcoming trip to Israel

- Post 510
 - Agreed to contribute \$85 to SrVC (Emeritus) Fishman efforts to support R. Moskowitz' upcoming trip to Israel
- JWVMHA—DC Weiss provided a short orientation for those not familiar with the organization, history and future plans. P135 member and JWVMHA Secretary Haas recommended members review list of memorabilia and contact living family members to gauge interest in accepting items as donations.
- JWVA—No representation; no report; no discussion
- Old Business
 - Guy Stern Memorial was well attended. Photo is on webpage. JrVC Schenk mentioned he had been contacted about a Congressional Gold Medal for Ritchie Boys.
 - JWV-USA 128th Anniversary was held in New York on 15 March 2024
 - Status of FHM Gifts—DC Weiss described EXCOM decisions on Shabbat Candles and Chanukah Menorah and desire to have Fisher House Detroit presentation in the summer before the Detroit Fisher House opens in September. JrVC Schenk outlined policy issues at DVA on display of the Chanukah Menorah and the potential resolution.
- New Business
 - Status of Poppies—DC Weiss reported we should have poppies for fundraising in April and that he is exploring a means for printed labels. DC Weiss acknowledged efforts of Bruce Plisner (Post 510) in finding a source for Poppies.
 - Meetings starting 21 Apr 24—beginning with next JWV-MI meeting, we are returning to Holocaust Center
 - Department Elections in June with officer Installation to follow.
 - Department By-Laws Review is in progress. Several meetings have been conducted to clarify status of JWVMHA, JWVA, Patrons, conduct of meetings
 - Programming Committee Results—No Report
 - JWV-USA National Slate. JWV-MI voted to endorse the National slate (Ginsberg/Stevens).
 - DC Weiss recognized SrVC Emeritus Fishman and Honor Guard participation in a funeral that had just completed.
 - DC Weiss reported flagging of graves at Machpelah will occur at 1100 hours, 6 May 24. Inclement weather date is 8 May 24.
 - DC Weiss requested a motion for JWV-MI to donate \$500.00 in support of Rabbi Moskowitz (Shir Shalom) trip to Israel. Failed.
- Open Discussion
 - Sigmund Glaser suggested we need to train children and grandchildren in self-defense.
 - JrVC Schenk reminded all of opening of JWV-MI Archives at Temple Beth El on 25 Mar 24
 - JrVC Schenk mentioned JSL "8 Over 80" event on 19 May 24. Two members of JWV-MI to be honored.
 - JrVC Schenk announced Fisher House Gala is 20 Apr 24 at The War Memorial
 - Sid Lichter reminded all that he was chairman of JWV-USA Awards Committee and sits on board of JWV museum.
- DC Weiss introduced the guest speaker, Post 510 member Ethan Gross, who discussed his recent visit to Israel and associated distribution of gift cards to Soldiers in the IDF and family members.
- There being no further business, DC Weiss adjourned meeting at 1220 without objection. CH Gartner read the closing prayer and secured the Altar. DC Weiss led JWV-MI in Honors to the Nation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Schenk
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