

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held November 17th, 2024

The meeting was held at Zekelman Holocaust Center and was called to order by Mark Reed at 10:05 AM.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Ed Adler, Alan Anchill, Dr. Miles Auster, Dana Gulick, Dave Hundiak, Mark Reed, Ron Siegel, Morrie Weiner, and Mark Weiss.

The pledge of allegiance and prayer were waived to the Department meeting.

The reading of last month's post minutes was waived.

Old Business

- Financial Report: As of end of October 2024 month-end: The Post is in sound financial shape with comparable balances as a year ago. The post has not received its portion of dues paid from National. Further discussions on expenditures will require further discussion to assure the Post has an appropriate amount of funds on hand.
- October/November Events:
 - 30 October: Friends of IDF dinner at Shaarey Zedek - feedback on the event and meal were very positive
 - 9 November: Veterans Day Shabbat at Congregation Shaarey Zedek
 - 10 November: Veterans Day Parade – turnout could have been better
 - 10 November: Zekelman Holocaust Center 40th Anniversary Dinner
 - 11 November: Veterans Day talk at Hechtman Senior Apartments. – Ed Adler and Michael Steinberg represented the Department/Post at this event. It was well received by the attendees and they enjoyed the interaction
 - 11 November: Veterans Appreciation Luncheon at the Ann Arbor JCC – this event was combined with the regularly scheduled community luncheon. There mostly non-veterans in attendance
- Scholarship initiative: An anonymous donor has offered funds if Michigan JWV establishes and provides some funding for a Michigan JWV scholarship. The Department has approved some funds and has requested that each Post provide matching funds. The scholarship eligibility criteria needs to be determined. Pursuing this initiative was deferred for further review of its financial impact to the Post.
 - It is being proposed that the Department provides \$10,000 with each post provides \$2,500
 - It is still unknown how much funding the anonymous donor is planning to provide

- A significant total amount of upfront money will be required to keep this scholarship fund self sufficient.
- Mark Weiss motioned to discontinue the current scholarship fund and provide \$2,500 of Post funds to the potential new scholarship if the donor provides enough funding to make this effort viable. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

New Business

- The Post had discussion concerning whether an IDF veteran can be a JWV Associate Member. Most likely a decision from National will be needed
- Upcoming events:
 - 26 November: Fisher House Detroit Dedication Ceremony at 10:00 AM at the Fisher House. Deadline to RSVP has passed.
 - 28 November: Thanksgiving
 - 29 December: Chanukah Party at Temple Shir Shalom at 10:00. This will be the December Department and Posts meeting.

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- None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 AM.

Ron Siegel
Post 474 Adjutant