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Note: - Important - Next Meeting is 22 April 2025 (**TUESDAY**) at Temple Shir Shalom (3999 Walnut Lake Road) at 7:00 PM to include officer elections and their installation, but also note that **No meeting in May.**

Minutes of the 23 March 2025 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Senior Vice Commander Breshgold called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. In attendance were Alan Agauas, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, David Feldman, Ted Gittleman, Steven Haas, Tom Lebovic, Marc Manson, Richard Polk, and Gene Shaffer who all introduced themselves. The Minutes of the 19 January 2025 meeting were approved as previously sent to the membership without reading or correction per approved motion.

QM Berry gave the QM report, noting that, as of 28 February 2025, the Post remains solvent with no known liabilities. He then reviewed our 2025-26 budget noting that our upcoming Poppy Drive is our key fundraising source. He explained that our current Poppy Drive policy uses letters from us to our friends/family members who we solicit. Although membership participation in the past has been limited, we should be doing this as a sense of pride for our predecessor and fallen comrades. This solicitation is necessary, in part, because other donations have recently been minimal in meeting our objectives. Should you have any other thoughts about raising funds for your Post, please contact Commander Schenk and/or Quartermaster Berry whose contact information is shown in the lefthand margin of these Minutes.

Since our January, 2025 meeting, the EXCOM voted to establish a stand alone 501(c)(3) foundation for scholarships since the JWV Foundation has been non-responsive to us on this matter. We expect the new local fund to be operational by June, 2025. For those members at the meeting who missed Cdr. Schenk's recent newsletter, Haas also mentioned that he and the Commander visited Post 135 Centenarian, Al Zack on his recent 104th (!!!) birthday party. Haas suggested that, as a Post, we should do more visiting of our older and our ailing members. He noted that these visits are extremely satisfying for those performing such a mitzvah. Agauas gave a brief report on the JWV-US Membership Committee's recent efforts which apparently do very little to expand membership.

As we are approaching our busy JWV season, Breshgold mentioned many of our upcoming events. Those included:
5 April – Fisher House Gala (go to www.fisherhousemichigan.org/events) and ROTC Awards Banquet (now closed)
6 April – Jewish Senior Life program for Holocaust Survivors and Jewish War Veterans – Temple Beth AHM @ 2 pm.
Our Color Guard will participate and Breshgold encouraged us to attend (with our caps) as we (JWV) are being honored.

22 April (a Tuesday!) – the next meeting of Post 135 (7 PM) and the JWV-MI (8 PM) @ Temple Shir Shalom.

27 April – Yom HaShoah at ZHC - 2:30 PM – with a JWV-MI processional. Wear full uniform.

TBD in May – Flagging of graves at Machpelah

10 May – International Armed Forces Dining-Out @ Windsor Yacht Club - \$80 per person

18 May – No JWV Post 135 or Department meetings as we will be participating in the “8 over 80” event at Congregation Shaarey Zedek – 11:30 AM with the JWV-MI Color Guard

25 May – 10:30 AM - Machpelah Cemetery

1:00 PM – Hebrew Memorial Cemetery

26 May – 9:00 AM – Royal Oak Parade

27 May – 6:40 PM – Post 135 Outing and Budget Approval Meeting at Comerica Park during Jewish Heritage Baseball game (Tigers vs. Giants). Post 135 to cover ticket cost. Send names and tickets needed to Cdr. Schenk.

Dues are still past due (since January !!!) for eight of our Post 135 members. If you are not sure if that includes you, please contact Berry or Schenk immediately! Junior Vice Commander Agauas was instructed to contact our Post's contacts to the various local religious institutions to determine both flag disposal availability and their needs for JWV-MI soon-to-be-republished trifolds. Breshgold then reviewed both our demographic status (with 56 Members, eight Patrons, and two “in process”) and our March/April birthdays. He again encouraged us to get onto the JWV-US news mailing list from bgarick@JWV.org. The Honor Guard still needs volunteers to assist at funeral and other processions.

During the Good and Welfare sessions, Berry gave a glowing attaboy re: Manson's work for the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Home Association and Manson returned the good words for Berry's many labors on behalf of the JWV.

Senior Vice Commander Breshgold adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steven Haas, Adjutant