

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held March 23rd, 2025

The meeting was held at Zekelman Holocaust Center and was called to order by Mark Reed at 10:02 AM.

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

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

Last month's post minutes was distributed on January 27th and the reading was waived.

Financial Report

- As of March 23rd 2025: The Post is in sound financial shape. The post has received its portion of dues paid from National. With anticipated poppy donations our post financial outlook will be even better.

Old Business

- Scholarship Initiative – Post voted previously to participate and contribute \$2,500. The fund should be managed by JWV Foundation's 501C3. There has been no response from the foundation about our request, so we will set up our own 501C3 to administer the Scholarship Fund. We will need to carefully monitor the Post's charitable donations and donations received to account for the scholarship donation.

New Business

- April events.
 - 6 April: Program for Holocaust Survivors & Families (JSL) at Beth Ahm. JWV Color Guard will attend. Dept has donated \$180.00.
 - 20 April: Next Post meeting. Post Officer elections.
 - Post 474 Officers – Currently the same slate for 2025:
 - Mark Reed – Post 474 Commander
 - Dr. Ed Adler – Post 474 Senior Vice Commander
 - Dana Gulick – Post 474 Junior Vice Commander
 - 27 April: Yom HaShoah Program at Zekelman at 1400. JWV Color Guard will participate. Meeting with IDF veterans from Ann Arbor following the program.
 - Poppy letters will go out to Post and JWV donors
- May events.

- 5 May: Grave Flagging at Machpelah Cemetery in Ferndale. Back-up day is 7 May. Approximately 250 graves to flag.
- 8 May: Grave Flagging at Oakview Cemetery in Royal Oak. About 40-50 graves to flag.
- 18 May: 8 over 80 Luncheon at Congregation Shaarey Zedek. Deede Auster, wife of Post 474 member Dr. Miles Auster, is one of the honorees. Department and Post meeting canceled due to this luncheon and large number of JWV events in May.
- 25 May: Memorial Day Services - Machpelah Cemetery in Ferndale and Hebrew Memorial Park in Roseville. Specifics will be forthcoming. Mark Reed will provide a map of alternative routes due to I-696 closure.
- 26 May: Memorial Day Parade in Royal Oak. More details will be forthcoming.
- The Memorial Home Association will cease to exist by this summer. The funds will have been distributed and the artifacts are being accounted for. The lack of this source of funding is driving a change in dues structure.
- Change in dues structure approved by Dept of Michigan Executive Committee. \$22.25 for 1 year, \$40.00 for 2 years, and \$60.00 for 3 years.
- Community Liaison needed for the Woodward Avenue Shul. The liaison is responsible for the flag disposal box being displayed.
- Oral Histories: Veterans Archives, East Lansing, versus Center for Michigan Jewish Heritage, Temple Beth El
 - The Veteran Archive in East Lansing is requesting oral histories from Michigan Jewish Veterans
 - The state organization is a more cost effective alternative for support in generating the oral histories than the local source

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- None

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Ron Siegel
Post 474 Adjutant