

JWV Post 474

Minutes of meeting held June 22nd, 2025

The meeting was held at Zekelman Holocaust Center and was called to order by Mark Reed at 10:01 AM.

The meeting was attended by Alan Anchill, Dr. Ed Adler, Dr. Miles Auster, Dr. George Blum, Jess Elson, Dana Gulick, David Hundiak, Dr. Noel Lawson, Mark Reed, Ron Siegel, Morrie Weiner, and Mark Weiss. Jeff Salz attended as a guest.

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

Last month's post minutes was distributed via email and the reading was waived.

Financial Report

- As of June 19th 2025: The Post is currently in sound financial shape. The Kaye Scholarship was an unbudgeted donation that temporarily impacted available cash, so it was the only Post donation made last fiscal year. The budget for 2025-2026 was approved unanimously. The financial outlook for next year is looks brighter with more than anticipated poppy sales funds were received.

Old Business

- Kaye Scholarship Initiative – Post voted previously to participate and contribute \$2,500. Establishment of the 501c3 is in process. The eligibility requirements are broader than the past scholarship and allows for a greater number applicants. JWV-MI Members and JWV-MI descendants are eligible for the new scholarship.
- Poppy letters were mailed in May. The Post receive \$1630 in donations.
- The May Memorial Day events were well attended by post members. Public participation was lower than expected in spite of the promotion of the events.
- Post Officers were elected at the April meeting. There were no changes in the post organization from last year.

New Business

- Shoot, Schmooze, and BBQ is scheduled for June 29th at the Island Lake Shooting Range. It will be a kosher BBQ. A waiver needs to be signed.
- The Oak Park Independence Day Parade will be July 4th starting at 11:00. Participants need to be at O'Reilly's Auto Parts at the northwest corner of 9 Mile Road and Coolidge no later than 10:15 AM. The route is the same except for a different end point on Church Street.
- Longevity awards were given out
 - Morrie Wiener and Jess Elson received new member pins
 - David Hundiak received a 5-year pin
 - Mark Weiss received a 10-year pin
 - Dr. George Blum was recognized for 20 year membership. His pin will be forthcoming

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- Mark Hechler celebrate his 99th birthday on June 20th

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Ron Siegel
Post 474 Adjutant