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Next Meeting is 24 August 2025 at 10:00AM at Zekelman Holocaust Center. **No meeting in September.**

Minutes of the 20 July 2025 JWV Post 135 Meeting at ZHC

Post Commander Schenk called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Also in attendance were Alan Agauas, Miles Berkow, Larry Berry, Michael Breshgold, David Cuttner, Tom Lebovic, Sidney Lichter, Richard Polk, Joseph Salzman, and Lee Schostak. Guests in attendance were Jim and Susan Walker of the Farmington/Farmington Hills

Optimist Club. The minutes of the 22 June 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved without reading as they were previously sent to the membership.

PC Schenk reviewed the JWV-MI minutes of 22 June 2025 noting that DC Weiss would ask for approval at the JWV-MI meeting scheduled to commence at 11:00AM. QM Berry provided a financial update, noting that as of 30 June 2025, the Post remains solvent with no known liabilities. Because the post retains a large balance in retained earnings there was a discussion of the minimum amount we should retain, and the consensus (no decision) was that a balance sufficient to cover “two-years of operating expenses” was prudent. QM Berry also explained the rationale for investment and that no changes were anticipated given current investment stability, liquidity, and yield. Our 2025 Poppy campaign yielded a gross amount of \$5658 for donation to Veteran-related causes in accordance with the By-Laws. The 2025-26 budget had minor adjustments from that which was approved in June as a result of JWV-MI recalculation of taxes owed by the posts. PC Schenk will pay the JWV-MI Quartermaster at the JWV-MI meeting.

PC Schenk offered a quick recap of activities since our last meeting noting Shoot, Schmooze and BBQ on 29 June and the Oak Park Independence Day Parade on 4 July. DC Weiss was likely to expand on these activities at the department meeting. Near-term activities (thru November) include a presentation by Rabbi Dan Horwitz of the Jewish National Fund later that morning, the JWV-USA Convention (17-22 Aug 25), the 24 August post and department meeting featuring a presentation on “Jews in the Comics,” and Veterans Day activities in November.

Since our June 2025 meeting, the Post 135 leadership concluded a detailed roster verification for which we received kudos from PNC Singer who also serves as Chair of the NEC. The post has 65 members and patrons.

PC Schenk reminded members to sign up for the bi-weekly JWV Newsletter (contact JWV-USA Director of Operations Brown to get on the list; email her at cbrown@jwv.org). PC Schenk provided an update on the JWV-MI—Kaye Foundation noting IRS approval of tax-exempt status as a public charity and that the Foundation board would meet in September to develop the strategy for application, selection, and distribution of scholarship grants for 2026.

The major item under new business was approval of Post 135 delegates to serve as your representatives and vote for your interests as part of the upcoming JWV-USA Convention. Schenk, Breshgold, Agauas, Lebovic, and Berry will attend virtually; Lichter will attend in person. As a reminder, The Jewish Veteran is no longer being printed and distribution will be strictly on-line so valid email addresses are essential.

PC Schenk encouraged members to join our Honor Guard to perform the *mitzvah* of honoring our dead.

Guests Jim and Susan Walker described the Veterans Day service project which this year will be a presentation by PC Schenk on the Ritchie Boys. It will be held on Wednesday, 12 November 2025 at 7:15AM at the Farmington Hills Golf Club. Breakfast to be served.

There being no further business, Commander Schenk adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.

Donald Schenk, Commander
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