

:The Vietnam Veterans of America

Williamsburg Chapter 957

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General Membership Meeting

VFW Chapter 4639 Hall

106 Jesters Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

April 5, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 1900 Hrs

Invocation by Chaplain: George Corbett (Moment of silence for Jack Guentz)

Pledge of Allegiance: VP Art Garrison

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Monahan, President (P)

Buck Matthews, BOD (E)

Al Neal, VP (E)

Tony Forziati, Sgt at Arms (E)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer/Secretary (P)

Jim Icenhour , BOD (P)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (P)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

Jack Guentz (Deceased)

Those attendance comprised of 9 VVA Members, 1 New Member and 2 AVVA Members. (Members were: Tom , Jim, George, Floyd, Art, Dennis, Kenn, Richard Z, Tom W, Joe Owens (new attendee) and Jim Reber (Application sent to Nat'l); The AVVA Members were Eileen and Joan Sadler.

Treasurer's Report:

The opening balance as of March 2, 2022, was \$7,052.82. Only two transactions this month: Deposit of \$2,762.87 (\$2,701.00 from HGPD & \$61.87 covering travel expenses for Chapter Delegate to attend VSC Meeting on March 19th); One check cleared; \$269.99 to Tom Monahan for expenses including annual fee for Microsoft Word and donation at Paula Lane's passing). The ending balance as of April 3, 2022, is \$9,545.70. Floyd will make our regular charitable contributions this month.

Unfinished Business:

1. Chapter Elections were held: The position of President (Tom Monahan), VP (Art Garrison); Treasurer/Secretary (Floyd Loveland) and Membership (Dennis Lane) were filled and sworn in by George Corbett, Secretary of VSC. Also appointed were BOD Members: Jim Icenhour; Bob Ocock, George Corbett & Tom Witowski (Sgt at Arms). In addition, the AVVA Representative to Chapter 957 (Eileen Monahan) was elected and sworn in by the President. Congratulations to all and welcome to our new Sgt at Arms (Tom Witowski). New positions commence at the May Meeting.
 - a. Election Reports for both VVA and AVVA have been sent out to National and State.
 - b. Floyd will send out 2021 and 2022 Financial Reports again as National has said they were not received.
2. Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony of March 29th was a huge success. Attended by over 200 people, with 105 Certificates presented and 140 PINS handed out. Jim Purdy, the VSC Webmaster has compiled 274 pictures on the State Website: **VVA-VASC.net**. On home page, click on News & Events: see March 29, 2022. I think everyone of the Chapter Members who helped in the event or who received certificates is pictured in the presentation. I would like to thank all those who helped with the setup, especially: Rick Zick, Ken Meriam, Art Garrison, Jim Icenhour; Dennis Lane and Fran DeMarco. An outstanding job by all. **(A special thanks also goes to Mike Indyck, VFW Chapter 4639 Quartermaster for his generous participation in the ceremony)**
3. A lively discussion was held concerning the Honor Society of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the proposed Honor Garden in Veterans Park.
 - a. First of all, it was decided that this is a very appropriate and worthy project.
 - b. Discussion included the arrangement with the Williamsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the proposal to collect 500 lbs of plastic bags in exchange for a bench.
 - c. It is hoped that everyone in the Chapter will participate so please start collecting now. (Eileen is filling a large black garbage bag). The DAR will set up a collection point starting in May and word will be passed.
 - d. We need to meet with the DAR folks and decide just how this will be installed and who will maintain it.
 - e. How do we proceed with the construction: hire a landscape contractor, have the Boy Scouts dig?
 - f. We will need advice from the Honor Society as to the type of flowers, etc. Peter Azzaro of the Society has said he will apply for membership to the chapter. He will be invaluable in this project.

New Business:

1. VSC Meeting: HGPD check for \$2,701 received. New By-Laws expected from State which will require us to re-type and vote on ours. The last time was 2008. There may also be a HGPD Contract to sign. Terms to be determined.
2. Floyd has contacted Jamestown Settlement and planned it for Friday, June 10th. However, h has not had word from Maguire as yet, so it's still not settled. He is also ordering more bracelets for fundraisers.
3. We need to start thinking about flag placement at the cemetery for Memorial Day. And, plan for volunteers for the fundraiser at the Post Office on Monticello Ave. The letter requesting permission has been sent o the Post Office.

4. We need to decide about the Chapter June Picnic. VetsHouse, Inc personnel must be invited if we do it.
5. New keys purchased for trailer back entrance. If anyone has the old key to the side entrance, please return them to the Chapter for redistribution to new officers.
6. Tom sent letter to VVA Chapter 812 in Elkins, WV to see if they are again offering poppies for sale. Waiting for answer.
7. Note: The VFW holds a breakfast to which we are always invited on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8-10 AM (contributions only). This month's April 16th breakfast is "FEED THE BLUE" to honor law enforcement professionals. A small donation is requested for this cause.

8. The Chapter Breakfast will be held Tuesday, April 19th at 0900 at the Capitol PH
9. The next meeting will be held on May 3rd at 1900. Please try to attend. We need more participation and we have not seen some of you in over 18 months.

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