

The Vietnam Veterans of America

Williamsburg Chapter 957

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General Membership Meeting

VFW Hall

Jesters Lane

May 6, 2021

Minutes

Call to Order: 1900 Hrs

Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Closing Prayer:

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Monahan, President (P)

Al Neal, V.P. (E)

Floyd Loveland, Treasurer/Secretary (P)
(P)

Jim Icenhour, Director

Buck Matthews, Director (E)

Bob Ocock, Director (P)

Mike Patterson, Chaplain (E)

Tony Forziati, Sgt at Arms (E)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (P)

Jack Guentz, Director (E)

Those in attendance comprised: 9 VVA Members and 2 AVVA Members.

Treasurers Report:

The beginning balance as of December 1, 2021 was \$8,468.08. Only one check cleared the bank in the amount of \$515.26 paid to the Golden Corral for the Chapter's Christmas Dinner.

The ending balance as of January 2, 2022 is \$7,952.82.

Check in the amount of \$269.99 was issued to Tom Monahan to cover our Donation of \$200 to VVA Homeless Veterans fund to honor the passing of Paula Lane and \$69.99 covering the cost of the Microsoft Program used for reports.

Agenda Items:

1. The upcoming National Vietnam War Veterans Day was discussed. We have not held the ceremony since 2019 due to Covid. However, we plan to hold it again on March 29th at 2:00 PM at the Veterans Park on Ironbound Rd. Jim Icenhour will coordinate with JCC for permission to use the park and arrange for tents, chairs, etc. which the County agreed to furnish in 2020. We will need to coordinate advertising the event. Art Garrison will contact Cong Robb Witman's office to ask him to participate. I have Certificates signed by the former Governor of Virginia. We will need new signatures.
2. The Chapter will hold Elections for new officers in April. Please help put together candidates for nominations. More in future meetings.
3. Financial Reports are due in the spring. Floyd will handle these.
4. A decision has been made to stop sending donations to the Honor Flight. We will use this money for our other charities. Obviously, we could run out eventually since we are not getting much from the Household Goods Program. We will have to see what happens.
5. **IMPORTANT!!! We will now meet at the VFW Hall permanently.** Tom & Rick will move the trailer to the VFW property on this coming Saturday morning. **(Mission accomplished)**
6. Art Garrison introduced a proposal from the floor. It involves obtaining a monument from the Tomb of the Unknown Association and setting it up at Veterans Park. It will also involve the creation of a "Never Forget Garden" at the site. More information is needed and we will have ongoing discussions at future meetings. It is hoped that we get have it in place by March.
7. **This month's Chapter Breakfast will be on Wed, Jan 19th at the Capitol Pancake House beginning at 0900.**

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Attch: VFW Blood Drive Notice