

The Vietnam Veterans of America

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General Membership Meeting

VFW Chapter 4639 Hall

106 Jesters Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

June 7, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 1900 Hrs

Invocation and closing prayer by Chaplain: George Corbett

Pledge of Allegiance: VP Art Garrison

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Monahan, President (P)

Art Garrison, VP (P)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer/Secretary (P)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (P)

George Corbett, Chaplain (P)

Tom Witkoski, Sgt at Arms (P)

Jim Icenhour, BOD (E)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

The attendance comprised of 11 VVA Members and 2 AVVA Members. (Members were: Tom, George, Floyd, Art, Dennis, Kenn, Tom W, Ken M, Joe O, John S & James R. The AVVA Members were Eileen & Joan Sadler. Thanks everyone for attending.

Treasurer's Report:

The opening balance as of May 1, 2022 was \$8,664.10. A deposit of \$504 was made for ACH Credit. The 2nd Qtr check for VeteHouse, Inc cleared in the amount of \$300. The 3rd QTR checks will be sent in July. Two checks were written and cleared in May. Dreamcatcher's one /time donation of \$200.00 and \$69.99 to Floyd for purchase of the required Microsoft Program.

The ending balance as of May31st is \$8,598.11

Unfinished Business:

1. **Honor Guard Project:** Tom has begun getting information together to build an above-ground garden to match the existing flower garden near the pavilion in Veterans Park. He and Eileen measured that garden to ascertain material requirements. Tom has not yet heard from John Carnifax after his enquiry about the existence of a concrete foundation. He also sent emails to the Ruritan Club responsible for the garden to ask for the name of their contractor. Again: no answer. We will continue to investigate.
2. **Plastics for Garden Project:** Lyn Costiglio of the DAR was sent the totals of the plastics collected at the meeting. Thanks to the ingenuity and efforts of the members, we were able to report 27.4 lbs. Lyn says they now have approx. 240 lbs toward the 500 lbs required. Halfway home. As it turns out neither us nor them will meet again until September. However, please don't stop your excellent efforts. You can hold them or contact me, and we can meet to weigh and place them in the bin at Harris Teeter.
3. **Fundraiser Possibilities:** As mentioned at the meeting, I plan to contact Harris Teeter Corporate on their website to ask permission to set up at the store on Veterans Day weekend. As I mentioned, it might take 6-8 weeks to even get an answer. Hopefully this will succeed. Meanwhile, keep your thinking caps on as to alternatives.
4. **Virginia State Council: Items:** A meeting is scheduled for the last weekend in June. Tom & Eileen will attend as the Chapter's Delegates. Hopefully we will receive another sizeable check from the HGPD.
5. **June Picnic: The picnic is scheduled for SATURDAY, JUNE 18th at the VFW Hall at 12 NOON.** Vetshouse, Inc will attend, and Mission BBQ will cater the affair. As usual, all members may bring one guest. Let's have a good turnout.

New Business:

1. We discussed purchasing a collection of Patriotic Pins from Carab Enterprises which can be handouts at our fundraisers and other occasions. The pins are offered free with the caveat that we sell them and send money later. I would like to spend \$1 or \$200 up front for the 100 pins offered. I have attached the flyer to these minutes. Your opinions are welcome.

CHAPTER BREAKFAST: None scheduled for June with the picnic on the 18th.

NEXT MEETING: September 6, 2022, at 1900 at the VFW Hall

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