THE AMERICAN LEGION ROY REED POST #252 WINSIDE, NE JANUARY 2, 2024

Commander Dan Jaeger called the meeting to order with 6 members present (Dan Jaeger, Bud Neel, Yancey Keiser, Butch Edwards, Dean Mann and Stan Stenwall) and led the salute to the flag. Yancey Keiser offered prayer. Cmdr. Jaeger asked for a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. Cmdr. Jaeger led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Legion preamble.

Bud Neel read the minutes of the December 2023 meeting. Approved as read.

Dean Mann offered the treasurer report as of November 30, 2023. **Stan Stenwall moved to approve, Butch Edwards second, motion passed.**

Committee reports:

--Report on breakfast by Dean Mann—sausage \$85.00; cheese and ham \$119.00; income \$1104.00 at the door. Did not see flyer or advertising, only word of mouth. --Soup lunch scheduled for January 14, 10am to 1 pm. Hamburger and noodles in the back. Stan and Butch will have a shopping list. Already in the Wayne Shopper this week, a little early.

Sick Call:

--Joe Mundil is home, changed his medicine, heart is OK.

--Dalbert Gowler, Jr. passed, no info on funeral.

Old business:

--Bud was asked to send a \$500.00 check to Wakefield Quilters.

--Butch asked about the tables in the shed. He was advised the SONs purchased them and plan to keep the tables.

--Butch advised the tin on the shed needs replaced. Butch talked to someone about fixing it.

--Sons Squadron are planning on a Valentine Supper. Need to check with Tammy at the Winside bar if they are planning something.

--Prime Rib today for Senior Citizens lunch, left over from the bar.

VSO: Yancey Keiser

--NACO Conference at Kearney provided a Level 8, VIP class. VIP card gives VSO extra federal information available. Info is read only. Requires fingerprints, SSN and background check. It takes 3-4 weeks to be completed.

--Meeting for Vet's "Kill the Sharks". Cost to attend. Berry Law firm is an example. 4 states have legislation to stop the Sharks. Nebraska does not have legislation. Col. Tom Brewer is supporting.

New business:

--Vet's Legislative Day is Friday, Feb 2 at 8 am

--Mid-Year Conference is Jan 19-21 in Kearney. There will be a vote to raise dues.

--Discussion on dues was held. If the Legion wants to get members and keep them maybe they need to reduce dues, especially PUFL. VFW lifetime dues are \$400.00, AMVETS lifetime dues are \$150.00, and The Legion dues are \$1000.00 or more. If they are getting all these funds from racing, the dues should be going down.

--Membership—Sam Burris in hospital in Thailand and may not come home.

--Earl Fuoss, was told he is transferring to Wayne. Have not heard or seen any paperwork

--St. Patrick's Pitch tournament on Saturday, March 16, 2024. Need to check with the Bar on their schedule, Dean will talk with Chris. Do we want to do it? Suggestions to due pitch tournaments more than once a year.

--Other discussion on tournaments and fundraisers: Euchre tournament, pitch tournaments and Mt. Oyster/chicken strip feed.

Yancey Keiser offered benediction

Next meeting is Tuesday, February 6 at 7 PM

Cmdr. Jaeger closed the meeting.