

\*ONLY AMERICAN LEGION BUSINESS IS BEING DISCUSSED ON THE AGENDA SHOWN BELOW. The reason for the meeting is due to the fact there has been no meetings for many months and a few members of the American Legion desire to discuss the effects of having a American Legion Post within the geographical area of Lac du Flambeau. The meeting is open to all Veterans who have an interest to support Veteran causes and a desire to assure the American Legion is practical and functional for the community of Lac du Flambeau residents as a whole, tribal and non-tribal.

Opening. Thanking the LDF TVSO for the use of meeting space.

\*AGENDA:

Chicog – Skye Legion Post #374

Agenda Suggestion 3-5-24

Submitted by Duane Chapman

Meeting Notes in RED FONT

1. CALL TO ORDER (Meeting was started as an informal group meeting to discuss the status of the American Legion) (approximately 15 attendees were present. 10 inside the center and 5 online via Zoom – that is awesome!!!!)
2. MINUTES - None
3. FINANCE OFFICER’S REPORT - None
4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - None
5. COMMUNICATIONS
  - i. Post Membership Revitalization Discussion and Planning (Primary discussion made by Duane Chapman to provide recognition to members that our Post is not a functional post, with almost zero level participation over several months and this can cause a jeopardy of a Post to become non-existent, defunct, and ultimately loose the ceremonial weaponry loaned to the Legion by the US Army. Discussion led to encouraging members to pay their respective Dues as such Dues were no longer being supported, the way they were in the past. In the past, Dues were essentially paid by the Veterans Office. John J indicated that was a bad situation to start, as now since Dues were not paid as they were before, people did not pay and a loss of interest evolved.
    - i. What is Revitalization. (Recognizing we don’t need to create a new wheel, Post Revitalization has happened before, elsewhere. Joni M indicated to identify success of other Post. Duane recognized the Legion website has stories of success from other legions around the county. The document used to describe a Revitalization comes from the Legion website. Copies can be found there.
    - ii. American Legion Membership Support

1. Officers(no change in officers at this meeting. Recognizing more discussion to come. The Cmdr & V. Cmdr indicated making vacancies. Adjutant indicated to create vacancy. Finance officer remains. Next meetings will need to address vacancies. )
  2. Letter Campaign to various audiences about taking on a Revitalization (members indicates a need to get the younger Veterans involved. Need to identify ways to make this happen. Ask support of families.)
  3. Social Media (members indicate need to have better communication to get the word out. One step, Duane committed to was to establish an email account and website to start having a go-to for communication efforts.)
  4. New Paper Ads (donation only request) (need to create message and see if can have Lakeland times run an add, maybe a story.)
  5. Membership Campaign, Dues, Non Legion Members (Revitalization processes will address this. A few members paid their Dues at this meeting. Awesome
- iii. Next Steps Meeting Plan – Time, Location, Agendas (Established next meeting to stay as a 1 per month meeting, at the J.M V.C. at 5:30PM.) Agendas would follow and meeting minutes as well.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - None
7. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS - None
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None
9. NEW BUSINESS -None
10. ADJOURNMENT (by 6:20PM as Zoom Meeting ends.) (meeting ended 6:30PM.)