# Germantown American Legion Post 1 General Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

**Opening**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The Master at Arms brought forward the POW flag which was placed on the designated chair and saluted. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from September 2020 meeting were passed out, Ron Kohl moved and Dave Ball seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously. The executive meeting minutes were read, Charlie Hargan moved and Doug Janzen seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously

**Finance Committee**

Jim Heimann presented the Treasurer's report, it was moved by Dale Schuldt seconded by Ron Kohl and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer's report.

**Membership**

Neal Degner, 1st Vice-Commander, stated that we have 123 members for 2021 with a 100 percent goal of 175 members for 2021.

**Bingo**

Bingo is still canceled to the end of the year due to Covid-19. We will apply for a refund of our Bingo license fees from the State as we will not have bingo in the license period of July 1st through December 31st.

**Cabin Committee**

We received an anonymous gift of $1000 which was used to level the cabin. We received $700 gift for materials for the deck and roof. Most of the demolition on the building is done, there is no power and water, the exterior will be half faced logs, two windows have been replaced with one to go. Gerry Schlitz will be rebuilding the tool shed. The chimney will be torn down and replaced. The cabin committee was reminded by Chris Yatchak and other Post members that the applicable building permits must be taken out for work performed on the cabin. The committee confirmed that all work will be done in compliance with state and local building codes. The treasure gave his report.

**House Committee**

The ice machine must be cleaned costing $350. Chris Yatchak and Dale Schuldt are getting bids for snow plowing. They will try to get bids that reflect our limited usage of the building this winter. Dale will try to slow down the garbage dumpster pickup. It costs several hundred dollars a month and with very few rentals or post activities the dumpster is not filling up. With our Home Depot Grant, Chris Yatchak has purchased 4 hands free soap dispensers, 4 hands free paper towel dispensers and two hands free door openers for the bathrooms. Dale Schuldt is installing these items.

**Service and Welfare Committee**

Danny O'Toole was in the hospital but doing better. Al Sande is hospitalized but doing better.

**Unfinished Business**
The village clerk contacted Charlie Hargan asking on our policy on open or concealed weapons. We no longer have a policy.

**New Business**
Veteran's Day ceremony will be held at the memorial on Sunday, October 14 at 11:00am. This will be a ceremony only at the memorial, there will be no public invitation to the post for a meal. Help is needed with the rifle squad. Russ Cramer reports that the flags at the US Bank building have been corrected, with the US Flag now properly displayed.

**SAL**
No Report

**Historian**
Greg Dombrow gave a history report for the month of October.

**Good of the American Legion**
Neal reported that under the leadership of Dale Schuldt, an 8 x12 foot flag was donated to the new Germantown Historical Society Festhalle (Festival Hall ) in Germantown. Dale constructed the frame and with a donated lift installed the new flag. A dedication ceremony was held on September 26, 2020, details and pictures on our website. A plaque at the base of the flag lists the organizations that helped pay for the flay and its installment. Doug Janzen reported that on Holy Hill Road, there is a really great Halloween display of skeletons and encouraged members to go see it.

**Adjournment**
There was no further business brought to the meeting. The POW flag was retired. The Chaplain read the ending prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal Degner
1st Vice-Commander
Germantown American Legion Post 1