

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
February 15, 2020

Call to Order: Commander Floyd Called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: 2020 officers present were Commander and Patriotic Instructor Jim Floyd; SVC, Treasurer, and Memorial Officer Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Chaplain Bob Winters; and Camp Council Jerry Thompson. In all, nine brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve December Minutes made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Glynn Thomas. Motion passed with one minor change.

Treasurer's Report: Was approved as distributed.

Secretary Beckman updated the camp on the number of members who have not paid their 2020, which stands at ten. He will contact those members as a reminder to get their dues paid by March 31, 2020.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: None

Membership Application Received: None

Initiation of New Members: None

Reports from Committees:

- * Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update
- * Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck has one cemetery in mind located in Southport. There is an Eagle Scout who is interested in helping us in a cemetery. Mike will report back next month at March Meeting.
- * Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: No update
- * Community Public Relations Committee: No Report
- * Sultana Monument Committee: Still working on possibly obtaining funding from the National SUVCW. No other updates at this time.

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Floyd reminded us that we are draped in honor of PC-in-C Lowell V. Hammer, who recently passed away. Department Commander Beckman summarized his Department Order concerning the 2020 Midwinter Encampment, the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award, and the Department Records Committee.

Unfinished Business:

2020 Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment, Greenfield, IN, January 25, 2020

- 27 Brothers and Sisters were in attendance with brother Harry Reineke representing the National SUVCW.
- The light breakfast and BBQ lunch was enjoyed by all.
- Department Commander Beckman presented Sister Jennifer Thompson the Dr. Mary Edwards Walker Award for her distinguished service.
- Total income was [REDACTED]. Total expenses were [REDACTED]. Profit was [REDACTED]. Leftover food was donated to the church.
- Thank you to all who helped, especially John and Amy Bowyer for coordinating use of the church meeting room and a very special thanks to the Sisters who prepared and served the food.
- Motion made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Bob Winters to reimburse Sister Linda Floyd [REDACTED] for the food at the encampment. Motion passed.
- Motion made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Glynn Thomas to donate [REDACTED] to the Eden United Methodist Church. Motion passed.

Lincoln Day Ceremony, Lincoln City, IN February 9, 2020

- Brothers Tim Beckman, Joe Beckman, Bruce Kolb, Mike Beck, and Jim Floyd attended from the Ben Harrison Camp
- Weather cooperated allowing the Co. D, 27th Indiana S.V.R. to lead the public procession to the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

* Kimmel Park G.A.R. Monument, Vincennes, IN : No report

* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No report

* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: Foster's Camp Commander Dennis Hutchinson continues to work with the University of Southern Indiana to inventory all of the Farragut Post No. 27 records.

* Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No report

* SUVCW Grave Marker for Charles Hughes: Camp still needs to select a date to honor our late Brother Charlie Hughes. We will decide if we want to make this an S.V.R. event. If so, then we can move this off of the camp's business.

2020 Camp Meeting Dates and Presentations

March 14, 2020: Camp Show & Tell

April 11, 2020: Jim Floyd

May, 2020: NO MEETING [CEM. CLEANING & MEMORIAL DAY]

June, 2020: NO MEETING [DEPT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT]

New Business

Item: The information about the grave of Cpt. Jacob Voorhees in Crown Hill was incorrect. He is buried in Terre Haute. Recommend honoring Primary Musician Allen T. Frizzelle on Memorial Day 2020. Jerry Thompson made a motion to instead honor Musician Frizzelle and seconded by Bob Winters. Motion passed.

Item: Do we wish to pay for (renew) the Camp domain name (benharrisoncamp.org). Motion made by Tim Beckman and seconded by Jerry Thompson to renew the domain name for another year and to reimburse Commander Jim Floyd for the cost [REDACTED]. Motion passed. Discussion started about whether we want Signals Officer Tim Beckman to take over Camp website and to possibly change the website to a much simpler design. Brother Beckman stated that the long term plan for the Department is to have both the Dept. and Camp's web hosting (if needed) under the hosting account of the department (i.e., the department pays for the hosting) We will have to wait until after the Department's Annual Encampment on June 6, 2020 to determine how this will all play out.

Item: John Bowyer told the camp that he is paying for the Eagle Scout certificates and patches out of his own pocket. The camp thanked him for doing so, but encouraged him to get reimbursed for these supplies going forward.

Item: Mike Beck brought to the attention of the camp the possibility that the State Library might be willing to store all of our old camp records. No decision was made at this time, but further discussion will probably be forthcoming on this topic.

Item: Treasurer Mike Beck told the camp that the bank issued both debit cards and credit cards to the camp. A motion was made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Bob Winters to keep the debit cards, but to not keep the credit cards. Motion passed.

Upcoming Events

April 4, 2020: Union Soldier Grave Rededication Ceremony, Old Shiloh Cemetery – Johnson County, IN. 11:00AM-12:15PM, EDT. Soldier – Pvt, Robert B. Demaree – Co. F. 7th Indiana Vol. Inf.

May 9, 2020: Cemetery Cleaning /Restoration , TBD, 9:00AM EDT

May 25, 2020: Memorial Day Service , Crown Hill Cemetery at Indianapolis, IN 11:00AM EDT

June 6, 2020: Department of Indiana Annual Encampment at Kokomo, IN 9:00AM EDT

June 20, 2020: Last Soldier of Spencer County and at least 2 more grave rededication ceremonies to take place in Spencer County, IN, TBD

Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd presented a video "Full Honors" from Arlington National Cemetery.

Presentation After Camp Meeting Adjournment: Brother Beckman showed 2 videos, one about Robert Todd Lincoln and the other about the 32nd Indiana Monument at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville, KY.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

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Date