

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
July 11, 2020
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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 Memorials Officer Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jerry Thompson and Bruce Kolb. In all, thirteen brothers were present. Special guest was Department Commander Dennis Hutchinson.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve June minutes as distributed made by Bob Winters and seconded by Raymond Brown, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve as distributed was made by Raymond Brown and seconded by Jerry Thompson, motion passed.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: None

Membership Application Received: Motion to accept the applications of our three new members Jordan Vaughn, Keith Turpin, and Bradley Swain was made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Raymond Brown.

Initiation of New Members: All three members above were initiated.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck continues to work with Eagle Scout/Boy Scouts in Hurricane Cemetery in Johnson County.

* Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: Wayne Sharp updated the camp about the ongoing issue with the dismantlement of the PAX cenotaph (Camp Morton POW Monument) at Garfield Park. Legal maneuverings continue. The SCV misled me on the type of equipment and the manpower they actually had available to move the pieces of the monument to ██████, Indiana. The SCV is now only interested in saving the bronze name plates from the original PAX Monument. The ██████ Cemetery announced they do not want nor will they accept the partial ruins of the PAX Monument. Wayne said that he is to be replaced as the plaintiff in the legal action for two reasons - the new lawyer thinks that Brian Blevins, who has a relative listed on PAX Monument, would serve for a stronger legal basis for any claim - and Wayne is not interested in the project if the entire PAX Monument can't be saved from destruction. In any event, in 1993, Wayne had the plates reproduced for the (now under attack) Crown Hill Cemetery Confederate Burial Plot. In 1993, 1998, 1990 and 2017, Wayne saved the PAX Monument from various attacks but this time things did not go as desired, in these decadent, turbulent times we live in.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No Report

* Sultana Monument Committee: No updates at this time. Department Commander Hutchinson was briefed about this project.

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Floyd reminded us about five newly issued General Orders, the most important was GO #31, stating that the National Encampment, to have taken place in Atlanta, GA, was cancelled. Also, Commander Floyd reminded us of the importance of Department Order #1, from newly elected Department of Indiana Commander, Dennis Hutchinson, about the change of command and his goals for the department.

Unfinished Business:

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

* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No new update.

* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: No further work on the digitization of the Farragut Post No. 27 records has been conducted due to the pandemic. Dept. Commander Hutchinson communicated to the camp that he would like to host the 2022 Midwinter Encampment in the Farragut GAR Post No. 27 room in the Coliseum, if it all possible.

* Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No new update.

* SUV CW Grave Marker for Charles Hughes: Camp still needs to select a date to honor our late Brother Charlie Hughes.

* Crown Hill Heritage Foundation: Cancellation of all 2020 season tours and events.

Upcoming 2020 Camp Meeting Dates and Presentations

July 11, 2020: To be held virtually and no presentation.

August 2020: NO MEETING

September 12: Camp Show & Tell

October 10: Tim Beckman

November 14: Matt Gaudin

December 12 or 19 (depending on the date of the Crown Hill Wreaths Across America): Camp Show & Tell

New Business

Brother Raymond Brown will relay the story of a MOH recipient's grave located in Washington, IN at our next camp show and tell. Brother Raymond also discussed the deplorable conditions of veteran's graves around the state. Brother Raymond was contacted by a DAR member in Carmel about restoring a Civil War gravestone in a cemetery in Hamilton County.

Upcoming Events

August 22, 2020, 11:00AM EDT, Crown Hill Cemetery: President Benjamin Harrison Birthday Ceremony - Flag and Wreath Laying

September 5, 2020: SGT Jacob Hocker grave marker dedication, Section 43, Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN. 11:00 a.m. ET.

November 21, 2020: Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA. 1:00 p.m. ET.

December 14/19, 2020: Wreaths Across America, Crown Hill National Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd talked about his visit to the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Silver Springs, MD and shared pictures and the video " American Artifacts Preview: Civil War Medical History - Lincoln Assassination

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

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