

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
November 14, 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 Chaplain Robert Winters. In all, eleven brothers were present.

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

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

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: Brother Beck informed the camp that Brother Graham Morey contracted COVID-19 but seems to be doing okay. Brother Thompson informed the camp of that multiple family members had also contracted COVID -19, but are doing better now.

Membership Application Received: None Received

Initiation of New Members:

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: No update

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Raymond Brown informed that camp that he knows of a cemetery that might be a good candidate for cleaning next May. The cemetery is Williams Creek Cemetery which is located on the north side of Marion County on 96th Street (in Washington Township). This cemetery is having a wreath laying ceremony to honor the veterans buried there on December 5th. Several members expressed interest in attending this ceremony.

* Confederate Memorial and Monument Committee: Wayne Sharp informed the camp that the Confederate Mound grave stones in Crown Hill Cemetery were vandalized for the 2nd time on October 25th. Increased surveillance and police patrols are being instituted by Crown Hill to protect these monuments. Commander Floyd informed the camp that he will change the name of this committee to the "Civil War Memorial Oversight Committee." Committee members will be Bruce Kolb, Matt Gaudin, Raymond Brown, Mike Beck, and Wayne Sharp as committee chair.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No Report

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Floyd reminded us about four recently issued General Orders: General Order No. 42, General Orders No. 1, 2, and 3.

Unfinished Business:

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

* Indiana Monument at Vicksburg Update: No update.

* Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Evansville, IN: No update.

* Thomlinson Hall in Indianapolis, IN: No update.

Upcoming 2020 Camp Meeting Dates (Via Zoom)

December 12th - Camp Officer's Installation

New Business

Election of the Ben Harrison Camp Officers for 2021:

Since all of the slated camp officers ran unopposed, the camp secretary casted 1 vote for the entire slate of candidates. The 2021 Ben Harrison Camp Officers were duly elected as follows: Commander Bruce Kolb; S.V.C Mike Beck; J.V.C. Tim Beckman; Secretary Tim Beckman; Treasurer Mike Beck; Camp Council #1 Garry Walls; Camp Council #2 Jim Floyd; Camp Council #3 Jerry Thompson.

Upcoming Events

November 21, 2020: Remembrance Day, Gettysburg, PA. This event is cancelled.

January 30, 2021: Department of Indiana Midwinter Encampment. Due to COVID-19, this will be hosted virtually via Zoom. More information will be forthcoming in late December or early January from Dept. Commander Hutchinson.

February 2021: Lincoln Day Program at the Lincoln Boyhood National Home, Lincoln City, Indiana (TBD)

For the Good of the Order:

Several members expressed their thanks to Commander Floyd for his 4 years of excellent service to the camp. Raymond Brown updated the camp on his work with Mission Restore Bronze Indiana.

Patriotic Instruction: Commander Floyd showed a video about the history of Thanksgiving.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Jim Floyd, Commander

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