

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
February 20, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Call to Order: Commander Kolb called the meeting to order.

Roll Call of Officers: 2021 officers present were Commander Bruce Kolb; SVC, Treasurer, and Memorials Officer Mike Beck; JVC, Secretary, Graves Registration, and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; Camp Council Jerry Thompson, Camp Council Garry Walls, Chaplain Robert Winters, Color Bearer Wayne Sharp, and Eagle Scout Coordinator John Bowyer. Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson was also in attendance. In all, fourteen brothers were present.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was distributed via zoom and read by Mike Beck.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: Brother Allen Moore, PCC, PDC, and PCinC, was memorialized by Brother Tim Beckman. Brother [REDACTED] is scheduled for additional surgery, so please keep Brother [REDACTED] in your prayers for a speedy recovery. Payers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: A new membership application was received by the camp from Duane Phillip Mantick. Duane Mantick was voted into membership by the camp. Congratulations Brother Mantick!

Initiation of New Members: Brother Duane Mantick was initiated into membership with proper ritual.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: A picture of the mock up of the cap was shared with the camp. A more complete update will be shared with the camp at the March meeting.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Brother Brown briefed the camp on ongoing plans for our annual Cemetery Cleaning to take place at the Williams Creek Cemetery located on the north side of Indianapolis, on May 8th. He plans on doing training the day before, on the day of, and on the day after the cemetery cleaning.

*Civil War Memorial Monument Preservation and Protection Committee: Wayne Sharp suggested that the title of this committee be changed to the "Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee." Commander Kolb approved of the name change. The new monument policy from the Department of Indiana was discussed at some length. This new policy will need to be voted on by all camps in the Department of Indiana. Only a vote to approve or not approve will be allowed. If approved by all camps in the Department, it will then be sent to the Commander-in-Chief for his approval. This new policy will be distributed to all members of the camp via email attachment for them to review before the March meeting.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb reminded the camp about several new General Orders recently published by the Commander-in-Chief, resulting in the badges and charters of the order being draped.

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 2021 Camp Meeting Dates and Events

March 13 - Via Zoom

April 10 - Via Zoom

May 8 - Cemetery Cleaning, Williams Creek Cemetery, Indianapolis (Washington Township).

May 31 - Memorial Day Ceremony, TBD

New Business

Brother John Bowyer briefed the camp on 4 Eagle Scouts that are working on their respective projects.

A motion was made by Brother Tim Beckman to reimburse PCC Jim Floyd for the benharrisoncamp.org domain cost of [REDACTED] and it was seconded by Brother Raymond Brown, motion passed.

Other Upcoming SUVCW Events

Department of Indiana Annual Encampment, June 5th, 2021. Location TBD

August 4-9, 2021 - National Encampment, St. Louis, MO

For the Good of the Order:

Patriotic Instruction:

Commander Kolb shared an interesting presentation on the history of the 1st Kansas Colored Infantry. This regiment was the first African American regiment to see battle during the Civil War.

Our next Camp Meeting will be March 13th, via Zoom.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

Date

2/20/2021