

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
April 10, 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, Color Bearer Wayne Sharp, Chaplain Bob Winters, and Patriotic Instructor William Gillispie. Department of Indiana Commander Dennis Hutchinson was also in attendance. In all, twelve brothers were present.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve March minutes as distributed made by Jerry Thompson and seconded by Bob Winters, 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 [REDACTED] had his surgery and it went well. Commander Kolb talked to him and he seemed in really good spirits. Please keep Brother [REDACTED] in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Brother Brad Swain and the Monroe County Sheriff Department lost a reserve deputy while responding to an accident, so keep him and the department in your prayers. Payers go out to all who are sick or in distress.

Membership Application Received: No membership applications received.

Initiation of New Members: None.

Reports from Committees:

* Camp Baseball Cap Committee: The camp hats are finished and are now in the possession of Brother Joe Beckman (Chair). The total cost was a little over what had been projected due to state tax and the one-time [REDACTED] set-up fee. If we sell the hats for [REDACTED], the camp should come out a little ahead.

* Cemetery Cleaning and Restoration Committee: Mike Beck (Chair) briefed the camp on the upcoming cemetery cleaning to take place at Williams Creek Cemetery on West 96th Street. A good turnout is expected for the workshop.

* Civil War Memorial Monument and Oversight Committee: Wayne Sharp (Chair) briefed the camp on the Camp Tippecanoe historical marker issue. Brother Duane Mantick has been in consultation with the Tippecanoe County Historical Association and the local school system. A new location for the marker was suggested, maybe next to a nearby school. Commander Kolb briefed the camp on Indiana Senate Bill 187, the monument protection bill. It finally passed out of committee and is scheduled to be sent to the full floor for a vote.

* Community Public Relations Committee: No update

* Sultana Monument Committee: No update

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Kolb reminded the camp about several new orders recently published by Department Commander Hutchinson and Commander-in-Chief Pierson. The camp held a moment of silence to remember PDC Thomas Crawford who passed away on February 27, 2021.

Unfinished Business:

* The Department of Indiana Statement on Indiana's Monuments and Their Protection and Preservation:

a small change was made to the language of this statement and the change was voted on by the camp. Motion was made by Mike Beck to approve the revised language statement as distributed by the Department of Indiana and the motion was seconded by Bob Winters, motion passed.

* 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

May 8 - Cemetery Cleaning, Williams Creek Cemetery, Indianapolis (Washington Township), 9:00AM EDT

May 31 - Memorial Day Ceremony, Dale Cemetery, Connersville - Memorial Day service and Tribute to Brother Charles Hughes, 10:00AM EDT

July 10 - Maybe in-Person and/or Via Zoom

New Business

* Commander Kolb proposed that we have our annual Memorial Day service and a Tribute to Brother Charles Hughes (who

passed away in 2018) on May 31 at the Dale Cemetery, Connersville, Indiana. The camp approved. The ceremony will start at 10:00AM EDT.

Other Upcoming SUVCW Events

Department of Indiana Annual Encampment, June 5th, 2021, 9:00AM EDT, South Branch Howard County Library, Kokomo
August 4-9, 2021 - National Encampment, St. Louis, MO

For the Good of the Order: No Report

Patriotic Instruction:

Brother William Gillispie shared a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on the Union Blockade

Our next Camp Meeting will be July 10th, hopefully in-person and/or via Zoom.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Bruce Kolb, Commander

4/10/2021_____
Date