

MINUTES
Ben Harrison Camp No. 356
March 9, 2024
Decatur Branch Marion County Library and Zoom

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

Roll Call of Officers: 2024 officers present were Commander and Patriotic Instructor Brian Mexin; JVC and Treasurer, Mike Beck; Secretary, Graves Registration and Signals Officer Tim Beckman; SVC and Camp Council, Garry Walls; Camp Council and Camp Chaplain Jerry Thompson; Camp Guide, Joe Beckman. In all, nine brothers were present, either in-person or via Zoom, including Department of Indiana Commander Thomas Schmitt.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the January 2024 minutes as distributed was passed.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was distributed and read.

Report of Sick Brothers or Families in Distress: [REDACTED] is recovering from hip replacement surgery, [REDACTED] is recovering from a heart catheterization, and [REDACTED] wife is still recovering from an injury to her right knee. No other report of sick or distressed brothers or family members.

Membership Application Received: None Received

Initiation of New Members: Brother Lloyd Atterson was initiated into the order with proper ceremony.

Congratulations to Brother Lloyd Atterson!

Reports from Committees:

* Mike Beck briefed the camp on the ongoing work to mark the unmarked graves in the Peterson Cemetery located in Montgomery County. Paperwork has been sent to the Township Trustee for her to sign for the two unmarked Union veterans. Research is still ongoing to document and mark the one Confederate veteran buried there. The stones will likely be installed later this summer with a ceremony to take place after that time, probably in the fall.

Orders, Communications, and Bills: Commander Mexin informed the camp about General order #10 and the letter sent out from Department Commander Thomas Schmitt concerning the upcoming Dept, of Indiana Annual Encampment.

Unfinished Business: None Reported

New Business:

* Camp Secretary Tim Beckman informed the camp that eight members still have not paid their 2024 dues. If dues are not received by the end of March, these members will be dropped from the rolls of the camp.

* A motion was made by Tim Beckman and was seconded by Mike Beck to reimburse Jim Floyd, PCC and PDC, for \$23.17, which is the annual renewal of the camp's web site domain, motion passed.

* Mike Beck made a motion and it was seconded by Jerry Thompson to donate \$25 to the Indiana Veterans' Home (via the Dept. of Indiana) for use of their facilities for the upcoming Annual Encampment, motion passed.

* Mike Beck briefed the camp about the 100th annual Lincoln Day Ceremony that took place on February 11, 2024.

* Lloyd Atterson offered the use of the VFW post in Lawrence for any of our upcoming meetings. It was decided to wait until the April camp meeting to make a decision about moving our camp meetings to that location.

Upcoming 2023/2024 Camp Meeting Dates and Dept. Events

April 13th - Camp Meeting, Decatur Branch, Marion County Public Library, 5301 Kentucky Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46221

April 27th – Department of Indiana Annual Encampment, Indiana Veterans' Home, West Lafayette, IN 9:00AM EDT

For the Good of the Order:

Brother Lloyd Atterson addressed the camp about his extensive background working with and being a member of various other fraternal organizations.

Patriotic Instruction:

Camp Commander Mexin gave a presentation on the Pioneer Grays of Cedar Falls.

Memorial Service:

A short memorial service was conducted in honor of PCC and PDC, Ivan D. Lancaster, who passed away on December 26, 2023.

Tim Beckman, Secretary

Brian Mexin, Commander

3/9/2024
Date