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Post 1980 Minutes – Regular Meeting – 24 Nov 2009

Call to order -- Commander Bill at 7:10PM

Advancement of the Colors – In place

Prayer – Bob M.

POW-MIA Empty Chair – Kirby L.

Pledge of Allegiance

Preamble to American Legion Constitution

Welcome to members and guests – Tim Woods was our guest tonight

Roll Call – Attendees listed at the end of the minutes (Dave took names)

Guest Speaker: Tim Woods, Post 1980 attendee at 2009 Colorado Boys State

- Tim spoke about his experience at Colorado Boys State in June of this year; Tim participates in academics, music, forensics; talked about the experience of Boys State, the legislation, patriotism, etc; he suggested that the word needs to be gotten out better to potential attendees (Dave agrees and is already working with Counselor Mark Martin to improve); Tim suggested that we try to work with Mr. Gemski, History and Civics Department, to get the word out. Dave will be trying to do a presentation at a WPHS staff/teacher/counselor meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting - Approved (motion/second/unanimous)

Finance Statement – Approved (motion/second/unanimous)

Committee Reports/Old Business

- An **Executive Committee meeting** was held on Nov 19th to set the agenda for this meeting.
- **Pig Roast, Silent Auction, & Raffle After-Action Report ; Cooker Update** – Yvonne, Rod, and Vern
 - Following up on discussion at the last meeting, it was made clear that the 50-50 split of the proceeds from the Silent Auction with the Auxiliary was appropriate due to the work that they did for the Auction – no vote was deemed necessary.
 - Debbie has been so busy that she and Yvonne have not been able to get together on the After-Action Report (and *she needs Debbie's input, along with input from Rod and Bob M.*). Yvonne will work this up, e-mail to Adjutant Dave so he can enclose with the January agenda, allowing for discussions at the January meeting.
 - Rod and Vern reported that the work on the new (2nd) cooker has been going well and it will be a good addition for the Pig Roast.

Vern presented receipts for a number of items that had been previously approved:

- Temperature forks for next Pig Roast (\$20)
- Trailer & Frame (\$200)
- Trailer something (\$27.48)
- ?? (\$34.21) [could not read my writing]
- Total: \$281.69 paid to Vern by Kirby after motion, second, and unanimous approval.
- There will still be a few more expenses for tongue wheel and a few smaller items; Rod, Vern, and Yvonne will be finishing it up.

- **Review of Veterans Day Events**

- Chuck gave a great rundown on the day's events
- Flag at Lions Park went well; down at 5PM was just right
- Opening ceremony (POW/MIA) was moving.
- Low attendance, but food was great; Jill at Crystola suggested that we have it at 5:30PM or 6PM vs 7PM (too late); consider holding it on the weekend before Veterans Day (Sat or Sun) in mid-afternoon.
- Keep banners and change date as necessary, thus with new ones will have more for next year.
- Put banners in more places – they were very good this year.
- Maybe get advertised on TV (comments that this would be too broad for our local event)
- E-mail generated no sides; maybe turned people off; there were plenty of sides, however; we just need to have more organized in advance (seems like this is always the case).
- On the flyers – nothing caught Chuck's eye and might want to consider getting the dinner listed in larger letters.
- The 50-50 raffle did not come to fruition – need to do next year (complicated by Lee being tied-up with work out-of-town).
- Adjutant Dave mentioned the great work that Chuck did in organizing this and for his overall great contributions to our Post.

- **Parade of Lights in Woodland Park**

- Robby organizing the Honor Guard: Robby, Vern, Yvonne (unable as will be on a float), Rod, and Chuck; Paul James will make the 5th.
- Meet at 5:30PM (latest) on Sat, Dec 5th, at the Taco Bell
- Bill will bring the rifles and items to Chuck on Friday

- **Christmas Party**

- 8 Dec, ~~7PM~~, Veterans Hall; updated by unanimous vote to *start at 6PM on Tuesday, 8 Dec*
- Food (main course, sides, desserts, drinks)
 - Yvonne small ham
 - ?Robby a turkey? (in the past)
 - Paul will cook the turkey
 - Lisa -- Brussel Sprouts
 - Inga/Chuck – Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
 - Rod – Pies

- Bruce -- Cake
- Everyone bring a dish; bring your own drinks
- White Elephant Gift Exchange – bring a wrapped, unmarked gift costing less than \$10 as we will do a White Elephant gift exchange.
- Entertainment – Bob and Debbie (Bill will contact to confirm)
- **Cleaning of Veterans Hall will begin at 11am, Monday, 7 Dec;** Yvonne heading; bring mask and cleaning supplies; Bob M. will purchase floor sweep/treatment; following indicated that they will participate: Yvonne, Rod, Chuck, Sue (Paul), Bob M, Dave, and if you can assist it will be appreciated.
- Decorating will be done once the cleaning is completed; Dave has the Christmas table cloths (from SAM's); Yvonne/Vern will cut a tree and bring; Auxiliary will bring table decorations?
- Bill will send an e-mail to the membership providing details (done)
 - I trust everyone is fat and happy after Thanksgiving. Now its time to put on your calendar OUR POST CHRISTMAS PARTY, Dec 8th at 6PM. Please note the beginning time has been moved up to 6 PM/1800; previously announced to begin at 7PM/1900. Paul James is bringing a turkey and Vern and Yvonne Wilson are bringing a ham. Rod is bringing a couple pies; Bruce is bringing a cake; Inga and Chuck, mostly Inga, are bringing mashed potatoes and gravy; Bob is bringing a surprise non-desert; me? Lisa and I, Lisa, will bring a broccoli-brussels sprout cheese casserole of some type. While not necessary to attend, side dishes, even a meat loaf, chips and dip, veggies, will be appreciated by all. Please e-mail me or call me to let me know for planning purposes, how many of your family/guest will attend and side dish, if any, you will be bringing (686-0988 or 475-2300) PLEASE NOTE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE OF CHOICE!
Something NEW! A WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE Those wishing to participate in this fun event, bring a "gift", not to exceed \$10.00 in value, wrapped, but no to or from.
Like last year, Bob and Debbie, will lead us in a sing along after dinner.
Yvonne Wilson is spearheading a CLEAN-UP of the Hall and DECORATIONS for the party on Mon. Dec 7th, at 11:00AM. Call Yvonne for details, or just show up! (748-3191).
- Bill will contact Bruce C. to get the word out to the VFW on all of the events
- **Oratoricals/Boys State**
 - Dave reported that WPHS will not be participating in Oratoricals again this year due to their scheduling; Dave indicated that that he is already laying the groundwork to try to get additional candidates for Boys State in 2010 (and find additional funding for them).
- **Items for the VA home**
 - Some items brought tonight; bring additional items to the Christmas Party (large sweaters, shirts, sweats, etc)
 - Visit to the home will occur on Saturday, Dec 12th (Bill, Bob M, Rod, ++)
 - Bill will send an e-mail (done):

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- A reminder that donations of clothing/jewelry are greatly needed for the Bruce McCandless State Veterans Home, Florence. Please bring your donations to the Christmas party on Dec. 8 or call me (686-0988 or 475-2300) or Bob Mericle (687-6592) or Rod Herk (687-9889) to arrange a pick-up or drop-off of your donations if you can't make it to the party. Warm clothing is really needed.

We plan on taking our Post donations to the Home on Sat., Dec 12th. If you want to attend, call me or Rod or Bob.

Post Officer Reports

- Commander Bill Fischer -- NTR
- Senior Vice Commander Robby Cox – out of town
- Junior Vice Commander Mark Manriquez – not present
- Adjutant Dave Turley
 - Membership renewals – going well; for 2010 at 83.58% (56 of 67 goal)
 - Adjutant training – Dave attended last weekend; 3-4 hours for everything; useful, but we are organized pretty well on this.
- Finance Officer Kirby Laughlin -- NTR
- Service Officer Lee Vulcan – out of town
- Historian Paul James -- NTR
- Chaplain Bob Mericle -- NTR
- Sgt-at-Arms Rod Herk -- NTR

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Salvation Army Bell-Ringing (Dave)**
 - Can we do a full day or two at a door?
 - Schedule at <http://coloradodave.info>
 - Post members in attendance signed-up to do the City Market door for all sessions on December 19th
 - 10-noon Vern and Yvonne Wilson, AmLeg Post 1980 748-3191
 - noon-2PM Rod Herk/Bill Fischer 375-9971/339-3601
 - 2PM-4PM Dave Turley/Bob Mericle 339-8863/661-2199
 - 4PM-6PM Paul James/Chuck Gardner 338-5340/440-5659
 - Dave will try to work out for another day also.
- **New Years Eve at Noon at the Wildwood**
 - Bill received an invitation/info on a special program for New Years Eve at noon in Cripple Creek at the Wildwood (bus, deals, etc); discussed and no interest in Post participation.
- **Executive Committee meeting in January to work on 2010 draft calendar and budget**
 - Tuesday, January 19th, 6:30PM, at Veterans Hall
 - Kirby will provide a summary of revenue/expenses for 2009 (as a starting point) and Dave will work up a draft calendar for discussion
 - Discussion on 50-50 raffle outside of Pig Roast and Veterans Day
- **January Regular Meeting – discussions on off-site**

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- Members approved for the January regular meeting to be held **Saturday, Jan 23rd, Wildwood (Teller Room) in Cripple Creek, 1-5PM, in lieu of the regular meeting on Jan 26th.**
- AV equipment, appetizers, guests
- Nick is arranging
- Members made motion/second/approved for \$90 plus tax for appetizers for the meeting.
- Goal will be to review the draft and approve the final 2010 budget and calendar
- Should be a great day; Dave will follow up with additional info in early January (using info from Nick)
- **January Snowmobile Trip to Grand Lake**
 - Up on Sat Jan 16, snowmobile afternoon 17th, home 18th
 - Details in Nick's e-mail sent to membership
 - Looks like lots of good participation planned; contact Nick for more info (he has sent several e-mails); *please confirm to Nick by Dec 16th.*
- **Lee – Raffle license renewal for 2010?**
 - Discussion – we want to use this more in 2010; motion/second/approved to renew the license for 2010; Bill will contact Lee to get it done.
- **Department Mid-Year Conference**
 - 29-31 January 2010, Radisson, 3333 Quebec St, Denver; \$93.85/night for room (inc taxes)
 - Boys State breakfast 7-8am on Saturday morning
 - Looks like no one planning to attend; if schedule permits, Dave will go up on Saturday for the Boys State breakfast and to pick-up materials.

Correspondence

- Bill got an e-mail from Don Schneider requesting assistance on mailing packages to troops overseas – Bill will forward to members and they can contact Don directly.

Announcements? Commander? Anyone?

- Membership reminder

Special Recognition – Again, thanks to all for their fine contributions to our Post activities.

Good of the Legion -- NTR

Sickness/Illness -- NTR

Adjourn – 8:30PM

**Bill Fischer
Commander**

**David Turley
Adjutant**

Attendees:

**Bill Fischer
Bruce Taylor
Vern Wilson**

**Dave Turley
Chuck Gardner
Yvonne Wilson**

**Paul James
Kirby Laughlin
Nick Sooy**

**Rod Herk
Bob Mericle
Steve Myers**

Guest: Timothy Woods (Boys State)