



American Legion Jesse Clipper Post #430
3343 Harlem Rd., Cheektowaga, NY 14225
February 21, 2024, Minutes

Call to Order	2VC Bates 1835hrs
Salute to Colors	All
Prayer	Chaplain Davis
Pledge of Allegiance	All
MIA/POW	Cmdr. Patton
Preamble	2VC Bates
Roll Call	Adjutant Mclsaac – 16 Legionnaires present
Reading of the minutes	Adjutant Mclsaac – leg. Dzewitz motioned to approve minutes as read, 2 nd by leg. Robinson, motion carried

Reports:

Chaplain	Chaplain Davis- Sgt-at-Arms Civils has been diagnosed with Covid. Praise report: Finance Officer Young is doing better, and Judge Advocate Davis's wife Helen Davis is home recovering and in therapy.
Finance	Finance Officer Young – see attached. Adjutant Mclsaac motioned to accept report as read, 2 nd by leg. Robinson, motion carried
Membership 2023-2024	Adjutant Mclsaac – Goal is 55 members; 51 members: 21PUFL, 92%; outdated county site: 44 members and 80%; new member Certificate of Initiation and welcome letter presented to Leg. Frederick Robinson by Cmdr. Patton
Housing Office	PC Pierce – 1 st meeting was 2/15/2024, lots of brainstorming and opinions on how to proceed, hope the new facility will fill role as beacon of light for the community, next meeting Thursday 2/29/2024

New Business:

Nomination Committee	PC Pierce – All officers were canvassed and 1VC, 2VC, and 3VC agreed to stay in office; Nominations for Cmdr., 1VC, 2VC, 3VC and SGT-at-Arms closed for February's meeting. Cmdr. and Sgt-at-Arms positions remain open. Nominations will open again in March.
Girls/Boys State	2VC Bates – Will give report at next meeting, Adjutant Mclsaac will join 2VC with girls state, have to find sponsors, Gabriel Rodriguez Post #1928 will donate \$500 for sponsorship.

Old Business:

County Diversity Equity & Inclusion	Cmdr. Patton – County wants to reflect what our veterans look like: race, gender, culture and every other aspect of diversity, equity, and inclusion
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Dept. Cmdr. Dinner PC Pierce – PC Pierce and Historian Thomas attended the Dept. Cmdr. dinner, NYS Cmdr. and his staff came to Buffalo for the American Legion family dinner, the key notes were boys/girls state and the importance of membership

Increased Post Dues Adjutant McIsaac – motion was made and carried to increase our dues from \$47 to \$52 effective July 1, 2024. This is to offset the national \$5 increase that would have lessened our return from \$10.50 to \$5.50. Cmdr. Patton submitted the paperwork to county which will reflect our dues increase. We ask that all renewals be paid in cash or by check so we get the full \$10.50 return.

Erie County Meeting 1/25 Cmdr. Patton – Discussed DEI; the county's responsibility for collecting their own per capita dues – Finance Officer Young will be provided a letter about what the county expects concerning the collection; Francis J. Donovan Post 1660 located at 3210 Genesee, Cheektowaga, NY will be hosting the 8th district American Legion Convention, Saturday, June 15 2024, want to ensure all delegates, alternates, auxiliaries, Sons of the Legion, and Legion Riders will have the necessary accommodations, the deadline for ads and boosters is May 18th, Jesse Clipper must decide if we want to take out an ad/booster and have presentation; Saturday, 6/1/2024, Matthew Glad Post #1477 located at 1965 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna, NY will be hosting the 2024 Erie County Convention, a breakfast buffet and lunch provided, \$10/person, boosters and ads: 1/8 page \$50, ¼ page \$60, ½ page \$80, full page \$100; County meetings are the 4th Thursday of every month at 1900hrs – attend to see what is happening on a county level and to represent diversity, equity, and inclusion

Comments for the Good of the Post Members – PC Pierce urge us to check out the Jesse Clipper website: www.JesseClipper.com; CMDR – push for membership renewals and member sponsorships by other Legionnaires; Leg. Hill inquired about Juneteenth, POC is Compliance Officer Paulk, will report back about any findings

Prayer Chaplain Davis
POW/MIA Flag Sgt-at-Arms Civils
Salute to Colors All
Adjournment 2VC Bates at 1928hrs
Next Meeting March 20, 2024, at 1830

For those who cannot make the meeting in person:

Alternate Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84734679244?pwd=cUhnZHYzTWV4dUVLUnI1c0ZJNUowQT09>

Meeting ID: 847 3467 9244

Passcode: 430

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