



THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN
8th DISTRICT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Held on 14 May 2019 at 1900hrs
River Bar & Supper Club, Amherst WI

The meeting was called to order by 8th District Commander Ron Fregien at 1900 hours followed by a salute to the colors. The 8th District Chaplain led a prayer. The Sergeant at Arms placed the POW/MIA flag on the empty chair. Commander Fregien led the Pledge of Allegiance and the recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

A roll call of officers was taken. Officers present included Commander Fregien, 1st Vice Commander Balz, 2nd Vice Commander Burt (Excused), 3rd Vice Commander Melton, Adjutant Herminath, Finance Officer Jensen (Absent), Judge Advocate Gorst (Absent), Chaplain Melton, Historian Pope, Sgt.-at-Arms Young, Sgt.-at-Arms Wohlrabe (Absent), Marathon County Commander Balz, Portage County Commander Miller, Shawano County Commander Marien, Waupaca County Commander Pope (Excused), Waushara County Commander or Vice Commander, (Absent), and Wood County Commander Krofta.

Commander Fregien asked for a reading of the minutes. Adjutant Herminath mentioned that the minutes for our past meetings were available on the website. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as posted on the 8th District website. The motion passed.

Commander Fregien asked for an 8th District finance report. Adjutant Herminath gave the finance report which had been submitted via email by Finance Officer Jensen. A motion was made to accept the finance report. The report was seconded and approved.

Commander Fregien passed out information from the recent Department DEC meetings to the 8th District officers responsible for giving reports at the upcoming Spring Conference.

Commander Fregien then gave a report on a slide show he addended presented by Jim Reigel at the Department of Wisconsin Foundation Committee meeting. The Foundation proposed a fund-raising program to increase its holdings from 17 million to 30 million dollars. The interest on this higher amount would be used to fund future Camp American Legion and Department of Wisconsin operations. Jim will speak to us Saturday on this Foundation Committee initiative.

Commander Fregien spoke about Department of Wisconsin membership and stressed that it was down this year. He added that it was a serious concern and encouraged all Legionnaires to reach out to veterans in their communities.

Commander Fregien added that post CPR reports were due at Department by 01 June. He reviewed the information included in 8th District CPR reports submitted to date. He reviewed

information on 8th District VA&R reports submitted to date. Finally, he encouraged all officers to work with their posts to submit these reports.

Commander Fregien said he would have Department standing committee application forms available on Saturday. He will also have an application form for Legionnaires interested in attending the Department Convention in Middleton, WI and the National Convention in Indianapolis, IN later this year. Commander Fregien also said the 2023 National Convention would be held in Milwaukee, WI.

Commander Fregien then went over the program for the 8th District Fall Conference on Saturday and assigned roles to the Vice Commanders. He read the biography of our main speaker, Major General Mark Anderson. He then stated that Mike Burt, our 2nd Vice Commander, had agreed to remain in office and move up to the 1st Vice Commander position. Finally, he confirmed the names of the officers scheduled to give reports at the Spring Conference and their assigned topics.

The 8th District Chaplain reminded the County Commanders to obtain a list of the deceased Legionnaires at their posts to read at Saturday's memorial service.

The Adjutant asked the County Commanders to submit the results of their 2019 county and post elections as soon as possible.

Being no further business, a closing prayer was offered by the 8th District Chaplain and the POW/MIA flag was removed from the empty chair followed by a salute to the colors.

1st Vice Commander Balz adjourned the meeting at 2007 hrs.

Arien Herminath
8th District Adjutant