

AMERICAN LEGION POST 233  
GENERAL & HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 16, 2020

ATTENDEES: Caroline Merillat, Bill Etheredge, Roy Havekost, Jerry Grause, Jeff Tupper, Allen Straw, Ken Yow, Linsey Ritch, Chris Connelly , Howard Sheble, Wild Bill, Roger Akey, Linda Williams, Kevin Terranella

OPENING - Conducted by Commander Caroline Merillat at 1900 at Post 233 and Zoom.

DISCUSSION - Commander gave a review of the year with COVID challenges and applauded the successful donation drive. The post is in good financial shape, and to keep it that way stressed more community outreach, and building relationships such as the Bridge Haven event that was a huge success. A general financial overview was presented on the monthly sales and what it takes financially (8-9K / month) to keep the post open. Events that bring in sales such as Comedy nights, Roktoberfest, and Halloween are needed to keep the post running.

The post hosted a meet and great with Sheriff Hartwick.

During shutdown, Sylvia Bass, Dan Wortmann put together a crew and made major improvements to the ceiling in the bar area. Together with a new bar top by Matt Thomas and company, gives the club a contemporary appearance.

Legion Riders were acknowledged getting the activities rolling at the post after mandatory closure with the Taco Tuesday and Breakfast. The Riders major event this year was the Wreaths Across America.

Other activities discussed including SAL Bingo (low attendance), and ALA have both been hit hard by lack of attendance due to COVID. The ALA did put together a successful Thanksgiving Dinner and Juniors event for the Clara White Mission. The Christmas party was a success with a 70% increase in sales. This was done with a bare bones crew. Many are older customers and volunteers are still reluctant to gather as normal due to age and health and spread of COVID.

Woman's Wine & Yoga Mondays start in January.

Law and Order Awards program is being organized by Roy Havekost for September 11, 2021.

Discussion about having an appreciation dinner for donors and a Post 233 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party in March.

With nothing further for the good of the Post to be discussed the Commander conducted the closing ceremony and adjourned the meeting at 2015.

Kevin Terranella

Adjutant