

Secretaries Minutes for November 2021 Meeting

Regular meeting of Ne. Chapter 279 called to order by Vice Pres. Mangiamelli at 1830 hours. Vice Pres. Mangiamelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Vice Pres. Mangiamelli, Asst. Trea. Haase, Sec. Halbkat

There were 19 members, one AVVA, and one spouse present. We have a quorum.

Sick call was reported that Pres. Hester is resting after surgery, Ed Boller's wife had surgery and our Treasurer, Howard Ball is in hospice care with just days left,

We have a new member, Randy Boldt. Welcome Randy!

We have a guest speaker today, Stan Pollmann. He is a Musicianary from Oregon. He gave a short talk about how he ministers through music at veterans homes and the homeless.

A motion was made by George Abbott and seconded by Andy Doza to accept the the October minutes. The motion carried.

Asst. Trea. Haase reviewed the bills that had to be paid, which were on the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Andy Doza and seconded by Jim Quick to accept the report. The motion carried.

VP. Mangiamelli gave a short report on the National Convention. We have a new President. He is Jack McMannes. Our own Dottie Barickman was re-elected to district representative. Way to go—Dottie!! Joe also stated there were 786 delegates at the convention. He also reported there is a new presumptive for agent orange—that being hypertension. Pete Gill reported that the AVVA is still being held separate in the ranks and that our legacy looks like "last man standing." He said we need to get our spouses and children more involved in our organization.

Tom Brown reports there are 6 scholarships being awarded and one of the recipients wrote the chapter a nice thank you letter. She is from Omaha and her grandfather fought in the Vietnam War and passed away in 2004.

Tom also states that there will be no new veterans admitted to veterans homes because of short staffing. We need to call our representatives and senators to correct this grave situation.

If you plan to donate food to Victory Apts. and cannot attend the meeting you can go to the newer building on their campus at anytime to donate.

At each hockey game in Lincoln they will be honoring a veteran. If you are interested in free hockey tickets contact Tom Brown.

Eddie Nelson reports 2 new workshops in Veterans Court with 38 new members.

Tom Brown reports new activity with the VVA Foundation. George Abbott has ordered \$1.5 million in granite, we also need to be searching for Howard Ball's replacement. We are looking for rotor blades for the helo and we are trying to enlist Troy Muller, a local sculptor, to help with statues.

Ron Haase reports POW/MIA still holding at 1584.

Tom Lundquist made a motion and seconded by Jim Quick that we increase our gift card donation to VSO's of Sarpy, Washington, Douglas, and Cass counties to \$50.00 each for a total of \$4000.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Glen Page and seconded by Tom Lundquist to donate \$400.00 to Stan Pollman, our guest speaker, to further his mission. The motion carried.

It was brought up that at the next meeting we will have our Christmas party and everyone please bring spouses and a potluck dish. Let's have a good time.

On a downer note—Post 8334 will be closing. We still will have our next meeting here, but the post commander is still trying to figure out a way to keep it going. We will keep everyone informed.

George Abbott made motion to adjourn seconded by Jim Quick. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be December 2, 2021 at Post 8334

Secretary---Tom Halbkat