

RCL BRANCH 92
EXECUTIVE MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2022

Attendees: Bob Howard; Anne Parker; Janet Gaylord; Bill Beswetherick; Owen Fitzgerald; Alf Read; Joanne Lancaster; Sharron Dorey; John Robertson; Ann DeWolfe; Shirley Howard

Absent: John Beddows; Ron Miller; Kevin Offord; Bruno Mathieu; Carla Nelson; Chris Ormsbee; Wes Rideout;

PRESIDENT'S REPORT;

Brunch is this Sunday, and Bob will be contacting people on Thursday/Friday looking for assistance in the kitchen. Anyone here tonight willing to assist, please see him after the meeting. Volunteers were Owen Fitzgerald, Joanne Lancaster, Bill Beswetherick, Alf Read, John Robertson.

Our next General Meeting is this Tuesday, December 13th at 7 PM.

We have the actual Legion Service on December 17th for Ray Foster. The Service is at 11 AM with everyone gathering beforehand at 1030 to prepare for the start of the Parade. Following the service will be the Celebration of Life. Bob has a program that he will have printed out for the Legion Service. Lillian McNamee. Zone Chaplain will be present and participating in the Service. The Last Post and the Rouse will be played by Kevin Offord. Then there will be the Acts of Remembrance and the placing of the Poppies. From discussions with Zone Commander, the thought is that there could possibly be 100 to 150 people attending from all levels of G2

Bob is in discussions with the LA regarding the food costs for the Celebration of Life. Bob thinks that since Ray Foster has done so much for the Legion that it would be nice if the family did not have to incur any costs for this Celebration. So whatever the LA is planning on charging the family, he is hopeful that the Branch could cover those costs. Owen Fitzgerald moved that the Branch cover those costs and the motion was seconded by Alf Read. It was voted on and motion carried.

Next item on the agenda is the New Year's Eve party. Bob had a discussion with our Ways & Means Chair, and the Chair decided that they did not want to take Reservations. Bob feels that it is a 1 night affair and that people are looking for a place to go, so we need reservations. The Chair has withdrawn from this function and Bob has taken over looking after the NY's Eve Party. Since he has taken over, he has a couple of volunteers who have stepped up and offered help. Anyone else who wish to assist please contact Bob within the next couple of weeks. The price is set at \$20 per and the Band is set. Bill Beswetherick asked if there are still coupons from Metro available to use for food and Ann DeWolfe responded – yes.

The Levee New Year's Day will be here in the Webb Room starting at 11 AM. Full Dress Uniform required. Bill asked if there is a policy regarding masks due to the ongoing issue of Covid19 Response – masks are still optional, unless Health Officer sends changes in the next couple of weeks. We need more advertising for these 2 upcoming events. Tickets sold will be paid for by Dec 26th /27th.

The next item is the Robbie Burns Night which will be held Sunday, Jan 22nd in the afternoon. Time to be worked out.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of October 31st, the Lottery Fund has \$11,060.94 The General Fund has \$126,608.93 Our total Revenue in the General Fund was \$21,813.01 and the total Expense was \$20,200.30 So we have a profit of \$1,612.71. We have had several large functions in Oct and Nov and the start of December has had several functions, so things look more promising.

CORRESPONDENCE

We have the request from Linklater Breakfast Club which will be brought up at the next General meeting. Bill has received a request from "Almost Home" out of our Lottery Fund. We have supported this for almost 4 years. And the other group is the Leeds & Grenville Interval House for families fleeing abuse. He expects to receive the request from them within the next day or so. We can bring this up at the General meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Anne Parker will be doing Early Bird Draw next week at the General Meeting. There will be 147 names put into the draw. We are up about 10 % from last year We have 255 members.

POPPY

Owen reported a very successful campaign this year, thanks to the LA and the membership going out to canvass. Our current balance is \$15,150. Tried a new system of sending out 2 groups, one in the morning and the second in afternoon. The LA put on a nice bowl of stew for the members at no charge. Owen thinks we should send a special thank you for that, as it was well appreciated. We also should send a thank you to the Mayor's office for allowing us to count and wrap the coins collected., using their facilities. The lady that gives out the parking tickets is the person who looked after our coins. She wrapped \$8000. in coins for us in 1 1/2 hrs. Alf Read added that if you have a Veteran's licence plate, you will not get a parking ticket.

YOUTH EDUCATION

Sharron Dorey reported that everything wrapped up this past week. They were over at St Joseph's , Linklater and also the High School. We would like to give a Special Thank You to Bill Beswetherick for making up the Certificates and a very Special Thank You to Owen & Pat for helping distribute these. It was very impressive to see Owen with these children because he was there in Uniform and the impact was very present.

PRO

Janet cannot post anything if she is not given the information to post.

SICK & VISITING

Owen has not received any information of anyone. Wes Rideout is doing OK and seems to be recovering from the last surgery. He thinks the doctors feel that they got all the cancer. Bob is thinking of approaching Wes to see if he might be up to stepping in as Past Pres. Since we have lost Ray Foster.

VETERAN SERVICES

Alf Read has nothing new to report.

HOUSE & PROPERTY

Bill Beswetherick has had no further work back from the plumbers who are looking into the toilet situation. The toilets are from 1980's and that's the major problem trying to find parts. If the toilets have to be replaced, it will be extremely expensive along with having to close the Legion while it is being done.

WAYS & MEANS

Sharron Dorey has a full report which she will present next week. Bob reported that he had received a call fro Rosalind Kingsmill regarding doing Sunday dances every week in Jan & Feb. Sharron is aware of this lady's proposal, and told her that it really wasn't feasible. This lady did a questionnaire at a dance. Somehow she got Bob's name and phone number, and he informed her that she could do so only if the hall was not already booked for Legion functions, the cost of the hall rental is \$250. and she would not be allowed kitchen privileges. She seemed to be OK with this. Bob is asking if we are interested in this and Sharron stated that personally, she is not. She feels that this lady has no idea of the expense of bands and the work involved for a dance. Bob is willing to go back to this lady and tell her that we are willing to rent the hall to her for \$250. That is all we are willing to do and the rest will be up to her to cover all her costs.

LA LIASON

Alf reports that the last meeting he attended was a good meeting and he gave his report. He's not sure when the next meeting will be. He was informed that meeting will be on Dec 13th at noon. The La are having a brief meeting then will have a fun bingo and finger food prior to Christmas holidays.

SGT AT ARMS

John Robertson reports he does have the Colour Party for Dec 17th as well as the Levee. Discussion about leaving flags in place after the service. Response – yes. Discussion of chair placement so that the Colour Party can march up the centre. Anne Parker reports that she sent out 158 e-mails regarding the service for Ray, including the Signals Unit in Kingston. John stated that Ray was well known in Zone, District and Provincial so he thinks there could be a large turnout. Bob feels that there could be 100 to 150 people attending.

MANAGER

Ann reports that when the plumbers come to look at the washrooms, she is going to have them look at the bar sink. It is not emptying and is plugged. We are on contract with the plumbers. The photocopier has pretty much died. We will have to look at getting another one which will be close to \$1000. We need to have a copier/ fax/ scanner/ printer. Another thing we will have to look at is the coffee machine in the kitchen. We should probably look at getting a commercial one with water hook-up, which is still in place from the previous machine.

The ceiling tiles in the Webb Room are really bad. There has to be water coming from the roof again.

Good new – Metro gave us a donation for \$1965.40 Shirley will send a Thank You card.

There was a Dart tournament on the week-end and we had a \$2500. bar and the Celebration of Life that we just had, had a really good bar.

Upcoming Bar Hours over the holidays. Closed a 5PM on Dec 24th Closed on Dec 25th & 26th and reopen on Dec 27th.

Anne Parker wanted to mention that “Wheel for the Wise” is a fantastic program. And the Veterans who wish to use the program, they phone up and apply for the program. She's not sure if there's a written form. Glenn had an appointment in Napanee the end of Nov , so she called them up and they took him to his appointment, waited for him and brought him home. The driver was great, talked with him, was retired Veteran. You have to be a Veteran.

Anne also wanted to remind everyone that the price of membership is going up to \$60. on the first of Jan. It was suggested that our Legion wait until Jan 2nd 2023 to put membership up as we usually get quite a few on Jan 1st. It was approved.

Meeting Adjourned

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY/TREASURER